

Book #3.

Cooperation of
Hall, Diner, Days Club.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Days Club of Lake, Ind. was held September 16th 1901 at the Club at 4.30 P.m.

The President in the chair.

The following call of meeting was read by the Secretary.

Days Club of Lake, Ind.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Days Club of Lake, Ind. will be held at the Days Club Anawan St.

Monday September 16th 1901 at 4.30 P.m.

1st To hear and act upon the reports of Annual the Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent.

Sept. 2nd To elect officers for ensuing year.

Sept. 3rd To transact any other business

16th 1901 that may legally come before the meeting.

Harriet H. Drayton
Secretary.

September 9th 1901.

This was followed by reading records of previous meeting, which were approved and ordered placed on file.

Annual Report of Secretary.

The sunset of the first year of the second decade of the Days Club is in a clear sky. Clouds have appeared from time to time, but the Superintendent has always been able to find the silver lining even to the darkest. You may say "clouds" we know of none for the Club has always seemed

to be alive, prosperous, and complete." This is all true, but the Superintendent would tell you why the corner stone to the work, has as yet been laid. It cannot be asked to reach the boys of the North, South, East and West of our city without the aid of a full available treasury, for the endless needs and possibilities, which daily appear to one knowing the hearts, homes, and enthusiasm of the boys.

The greatest good that could come to the Club, during the next year, would be for every citizen to stand by the Superintendent, giving what he or she felt they could, to enable him to add the walls and roof to the noble structure of work, he has already begun, so that he would no longer have to be hindered with the financial side.

The Board of Directors have held ^{the past year} seven regular meetings, with an average attendance of the five, and one special meeting regarding the gift to the Club, by Mr. H. C. D. Borden of a portrait of himself in oil which hangs in the library. The gift was most graciously accepted in a note written by our President voicing the appreciation of the

Directors, members of the Corporation and last but not least of the boys themselves.

During the year there have been two deaths among the boys. - both by accident. One from drowning, the other by a fall from a building.

The first and only boy sent to the Boys Club in Jacksonville Florida after the fire, was from this Club. It was the means of giving impetus and fresh zeal to Dr. Taylor, the ruling spirit of the club, and the cause of his decision to give up the work, as all their supplies, and material has been consumed in the conflagration.

The Anniversary (January 15th) is always a pleasant and happy day to the boys, as well as all the busy workers. The Superintendent was again gratified to have members of the Hocking Girls Club assist in serving the boys at their supper as well as young ladies from several churches. It is a cheering sight to the workers on, and we only wish that number might be increased from year to year, for "to see is to believe" -

The Directors feel the Summer Vacation School is an established branch of their work. The Club

should feel honored in gathering under its roof, during the warm summer weeks so many active little bodies, who appreciate the kindness of those having it in charge, altho' they can only manifest it, in crying day by day with smiling faces. The Directors and members of the Corporation can only share in this work, by expressing to all who have so cheerfully given of their strength and time, their heartiest praise and commendation. The Directors desire to thank Dr. Richards for his beneficial Hygienic talk to "the Doctors of the Club" in January. Also to both the Ladies and gentlemen who have contributed to the boys happiness by their many evenings of pleasure, and to those who have so kindly furnished refreshments for some of their entertainments.

Mr. Chew this year suggested the circulating of helpful letters by six Superintendents of Boys Clubs. The ball started rolling at Fall River. Suggestive points regarding the work were given in the first letter and passed on to Superintendent No. 2. In adding items

from his personal experience
and sending the letter to No. 3.
and so on until Milwaukee
was reached, and the letter
returned to Hall River. These
terminated for the year in a
series of three.

A Home for Homeless Boys was
started by the Club this year.
One boy found in it life hap-
piness and comfort, until he
went to the farm this Summer.
The Home has for a time been
given up, but now the
"special fund" for this work
sufficiently large, the work
should be continued, with
great benefit to deserving boys.

One of the prominent features
of the year's work is Hall River
sending its Superintendent and
D. J. to establish
a Boys Club there. This was at
the request of Mr. Goff who
had not only heard of the
work here, but followed it
minutely visiting this club
many times; so the Clubs in
fluences has been felt at home
and abroad.

Early in the year all who were
interested in Boys Club work
anxiously awaited develop-
ments which might come
from the annual meeting
of the organization called "Work
for Boys" - which was held

in October at Hartford Conn.
 Fall dinner as usual was
 ready to come to the front
 in offering its available fa-
 cilities as a field for estab-
 lishing a training school
 for young men who hoped
 to eventually become Superin-
 tendents of Boys Clubs. This
 body of workers decided to
 move slowly, and found
 the time was not ripe
 for such a step, but it
 was sure to come. and
 Fall dinner must do her
 part. This city is known
 from the Atlantic to the
 Pacific by her grand work
 for boys of many nation-
 alities. Seldom a day passes
 without the Superintendents
 receiving a note from an
 entire stranger asking many
 questions regarding the work,
 the credit of which is well
 known to belong to Mr. Chew.
 If those miles away from
 us, realize all this, how
 much more should each
 one of us, do our little in
 upholding the Superinten-
 dent, and making it so
 he should be always with
 us, lightening his cares,
 and anxiety, and not be
 the means of checking the

advancement of any new
branch of work which he may
have much at heart.

Respectfully Submitted
Harriet M. Brayton
Secretary.

Annual report of Treasurer.

1900 September 1 st	Balance	\$14.64
Subscriptions		\$3832.64
Buildings		838.45
Interest		2.38
		<u>\$4673.47</u>
		\$4688.11

Expenses.

Salaries	\$2425.32	
Coal	462.80	
Light	249.92	
Water	211.39	
Insurance	326.16	
Entertainment	258.90	
Printing	112.39	
Building	269.26	
Postage	85.67	
Laundry	63.91	
Harmon	33.74	
Games	28.85	
Telephone	25.40	
Library	22.92	
Bowling Alley	15.88	
Medals	10.00	
Express	5.00	
Travelling expenses	3.00	
Post office box	4.20	\$4614.71
Balance		<u>73.40</u>
		\$4688.11

Respectfully Submitted
 James H. Dence
 Treasurer.

Annual Report of Superintendent

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In presenting my eleventh Annual report I find it difficult to select any part of the past year's work, for special emphasis. The boys have been here in their usual numbers and apparently have enjoyed themselves. The money for current expenses has been secured and all bills paid. The results from our work are beyond calculation. Figures cannot give us an approximate idea of the effect our efforts have had upon the character of our members. The sign displayed at the door of the Hot-Blacking establishment in stormy weather fits our case: "A first class shine" inside. The eager, questioning "shine sir" is answered here in the truly Yankee way "shine yourself sir" The price is the same "a nickel a month" The operation is on the "inside." The effect of the operation is often and perhaps largely on the inside of the boys too. No "tricks" have yet been invented that can show the effect of a kind word, of a smile, an encouraging pat on the head or

even of the work of a boys club.
This report can only be made
to describe the machinery, the
methods, the body, if you will
while the spirit glides us. The
club has been opened for fifty
two weeks of the year.

The statistics are as follows.

Membership	1823
Total attendance	58269
number bowling	10660
number using gymnasium.	4900
" " swimming pool.	8545
" " of visitors	530
Deposits in penny bank	403
Amount of deposits	\$112.80
" " with drawings.	101.48
Number of depositors who began this year	23

This little army of boys have come to
the club because they wanted to come,
and not so far as I know, from
any pressure from without or with-
in. They are a club in fact as well
as in name. We have endeavored
to make such an appeal to the
poor, unfortunate neglected boys
of our city, by the attractions we
have offered them, that we might
have addressed the times or the
matter, the Boys Club had for
them a "first class shine" inside.
About three fourths of our mem-
bership renew every year, and
it becomes a difficult problem
to keep up the attractiveness of
the club on the inside.

new games and a new way of
 playing old games must be pro-
 vided. There is a very marked
 tendency among the boys towards
 forming self governing clubs. It
 is the nature of the boys to do
 that, and we should if we can,
 meet the demand. Two such Clubs
 have been formed this year, one
 composed of boys over sixteen
 and under twenty years of age,
 and the other of boys fourteen,
 and under sixteen years of age.
 One of these Clubs gave out of their
 treasury fifty two dollars for
 charitable purposes. Two new
 clubs may be formed the com-
 ing season, especially for "work-
 ing boys" and an alumni club.
 This policy of encouraging clubs
 will have the effect of holding
 the members longer: give the
 younger boys something to look
 forward to, and it will very
 likely increase the Club spirit.
 It is very pleasant to hear the
 voice of a parent speak of the
 benefits his boys have derived
 from the Club: it is more pleas-
 ant to hear it from the boys
 themselves. Testimonies from both
 parents and boys are frequently
 enough to make the present
 work hopeful and encour-
 aging. Every year we have
 the pleasure of bidding good

speed to some of our older boys, who go away to attend preparatory schools and Colleges. The most satisfying part of these partings is that many of these boys have worked during the day, and studied in the evening, and have overcome a great many serious obstacles, the greatest of which was not poverty.

Besides the boys we have had men, women and children enjoying the privileges of the building to the aggregate number of about 17000. In all about 75000, is the aggregate attendance of the various societies, and clubs which have been here during the year covered by the report. I do not wish to delude you, or myself, with the idea that numbers is an end, good in itself and for which we should strive. If in trying to do good to the greatest numbers we have had 75000 voluntarily visits from the boys and girls, the men and women, it was our business to have that number. The only criticism which in my mind, would be just is for some body to say that it ought to have been an even 100000. There have been occasional evenings when every room in the building was in use. We could not have ac-

accommodated another group except
 we had put them on the roof.
 We have had to say "No" to many
 who wished to bathe, "No" to others
 who wished to join the gymna-
 sium, and "no" to groups of boys
 who wished to form self govern-
 ment clubs, for the reason that
 we were pressed for room. The
 Loyal Temperance Legion, the
 Natural History Society, the
 Harmonic Union, the Diving Girls
 Club, the Ladies Gymnasium
 Classes, the Ladies swimming
 classes, the Hebrew Social Club,
 the Lincoln Social Club, have
 all contributed financially to
 this Club. The Young People's
 Society of the First Congregation-
 al Church gave us \$75. for a
 lawn fete. The baths are more
 largely patronized in Summer
 than Winter, occasionally a rev-
 enue of \$3. is derived on a Satur-
 day afternoon from this source.
 The fee is fifteen cents each.
 There have been a number of men
 using the gymnasium at odd
 hours. most convenient to them,
 for which a small fee was
 charged. The object in calling
 your attention to these matters
 is very plain. Any work done
 outside of strictly Club work
 is not done at a financial
 loss to the Club. It is a

privilege, a pleasure, and an honor to have these various Societies with-us. We are all trying to rise, and lift up the fathers with-us. A shine inside of heads and hearts is better than an outward polish. "It is better to wear out than rust out" - "Far better to form, than reform" - It is more sensible to construct a fence at the top of a precipice, than to provide an ambulance at the bottom. It is but a little while since a Boston Newspaper suggested a scheme, by which the Club might be endowed. It is a very remote probability that the scheme will go any further. But that gives us less concern than do our efforts to have the Club deserve an endowment.

Two statements in the article deserve our attention. First, that the building is not well cared for, and second that we are not well sustained. This building has been in use nearly four years with a total of perhaps 300,000 visits, made by boys and others. It has one spark inside, and one outside, to mar the whole building: the damage is nearer a dime than a dollar. This is the extent of the destruction which was not accidental. So thoroughly are the

the boys impregnated with the idea that the building belongs to them, that a boy who was put out for work living up to the rules returned, and on being asked what he wanted "I want my brick" His own estimate of his share of the building. The Club is well supported financially. The number of contributors, and the amount of contributions show an increase; contrasted with any other large Boys Club, Fall River has the largest number of contributors, and very few clubs have a larger income. Our citizens deserve praise, and not blame for the manner in which our work has been supported. The special appeals through the news papers, the entertainments, lawn parties, etc. have not been held to raise club funds, but only to carry on a special work like the vacation school, vacation work at the farm, and excursions. The amount asked for is seldom more than \$300. We never ask for Club funds, except by mail or personally. Example is a wonderful and a great power in raising funds. It is impossible to estimate how much could be secured for an endowment, if a beguiling were made. It

is a little more than a year ago since a gentleman from Pawtucket D.I. visited this Club. The result of that visit is a handsome 8-yo Club building for the Pawtucket boys which will be ready in January. The building in size and cost will be about the same as ours. It was my good fortune, with the kind consent of our Board of Directors, to start the Pawtucket Club, which has given such satisfaction to the gentleman referred to. Col. Lyman G. Goff, a wealthy business man of Pawtucket. There is a very marked increase in the interest taken in boys in different parts of the country. Large gifts are being made for them. It is not money that is needed so much as it is the right kind of men and the best methods. Here again example comes into play, for what we do, others are interested in knowing about. The best equipped Boys Club in the country ought to have the best methods for doing the work of a Boys Club. It ought to be successful primarily for its own sake and also for the example and help it may give to other clubs. There is an earnest spirit among the workers with boys to give

and receive help from one another. Nearly all workers are agreed that it is the home life that makes Boys Clubs desirable, and in some ways absolutely necessary. It follows, if this be true, that our aim should be to reach the home with all the helpful influences possible.

We have been doing that through the boy, since our first beginning. Never more successfully, than this year, I believe. The vacation school is another effort in the same general direction. We have had an average attendance of 214 children each day, at this school, and good work was done in all of the classes. Especially fine work was done in the drawing classes. An additional attraction this year, with swings, tilts and ball playing. This was under my care, and I have to thank the Public Property Committee for the use of the Amaran St. school yard, and Mr. Brinnigan, the janitor of the school for his kind cooperation. There have been the usual number of boys at the farm, and 160 children, boys and girls, were given a day at Newport and supplied with a beautiful luncheon. The Kindergarten

now given an outing at the Highlands. The electric cars were furnished free by the Old Colony St. R. R. company. All these things are a help to the family and create a very friendly feeling for the club. From the parents. An unselfish interest in their boys will in time bring a response, and a reward from other members of the family.

In order that we may carry on our work more effectively I would like to suggest some changes. First: limiting the membership to one thousand boys. We may not have such a large aggregate attendance as we have had, but it will enhance the value and appreciation of membership. It will probably make the attendance more firm and regular. It will surely help us to know the boys better, and learn their individual needs more accurately. Second: To keep all small boys under nine years of age, out of the club for an evening. To open the club for small boys from 7 to 9 years of age, in the afternoon from 5 to 6.30. Third: I have noticed that on days when the one session bell rings, a great many boys are

in the streets, despite the rain.
 A condition due, no doubt, to
 the mothers being employed.
 The same signal which chases
 the school may be made
 to do double duty, by announce-
 ing that the Boy Club is open.
 Fourth: That my welcome prove
 cordially the boys who have
 just begun work and are
 earning their own living. It is
 a little different problem to
 work with boys of this age, than
 it is with those who are
 younger. Our class needs a
 companion, a guide, a leader,
 while the other needs over-
 sight, and the exercise of au-
 thority over them. A boy under
 thirteen years is generally selfish.
 Over thirteen years a boy becomes
 unselfish enough to give up
 his own will to his companion
 or to his "gang". These two classes
 of boys will not mingle. The
 reading room in the east side
 of the building could be used
 by these overlying boys.
 Fifth: The room for the base-
 ment, which we have hither-
 to used as a carpenter's shop,
 could be fitted up for an
 Alumni Club. It frequently
 happens that a boy will leave
 at about fourteen years of age
 and a couple of years later

come back again. There are others
 who come only on gymnasium
 evenings, and while waiting
 for their classes, have to strug-
 gle with the other boys, in any
 room they can find a seat.
 It is for these two lots of boys
 that I want a special provision,
 in the way of a room to be
 made. An "allumni" usually
 makes some effort to care for
 those coming before them. I hope
 such a result will follow
 this experiment. Most of these
 suggestions are practical, and
 ideal too. To carry them into
 successful operation will
 make an ideal Boys Club.
 There is a little congress coming
 composed of twenty boys - each
 one of which will represent
 fifty boys. Guides for visitors.
 They wearing a little uniform
 of a badge, will soon be at
 work. The carpentry, and print-
 ing classes, which were suspend-
 ed this year, will have a share
 of the large play room assigned
 to them. The Club paper "Our
 Boys" is expected to make an
 occasional appearance. It would
 add very much to our work
 if the gymnasium and even-
 ing hall could be kept in
 constant use, which we have
 as yet never been able to do.

an account of the cost. Additional
 baths are needed. Last but
 by no means least, is a
 birthday meeting for our citizens.
 Our teaching of our future
 citizens has been unintentional-
 ly, along one line viz: glorifying
 in the flag, boasting of our
 abilities and privileges. Liberty
 & license have become almost
 synonymous. But in a repub-
 lic at least, there is a respon-
 sibility for every privilege,
 a dutiful submission to law
 before we can be free. The
 young citizen should be told
 that to be willing to die on
 a battle field for his country
 is not all that is required
 of him. He should live for his
 country. He may differ as to
 parties, but we are all agreed
 that uprightness, goodness is
 a more important part of a
 citizens character than are his
 opinions. It is because the boys,
 the future citizens, have had only
 one side of the question, presented
 to them, that I urge upon this
 association, the opportunity, and
 duty of taking up the question.
 There are carpenters and business
 men in this city, who could
 and would present this
 matter, from a non parti-
 san standpoint, to our

audience of young men, who are just about to exercise the privilege of citizens. The recent sad murder of our President is not the cause of this recommendation. It only gives it an unexpected and sad emphasis. He must sacrifice, in order to serve our fellow men and our country. There are many many who have helped us to secure the boys. Gifts of books, games, clothing, money, and personal services have come to us from many friends. For which they have our sincere thanks. The daily papers have given us freely of their time and space. I can only hope that we may continue to grow as fast and as solidly in the future as we have in the past. Some day the "shine" will not be up on the "inside". The Directors will please accept my sincere thanks for their invaluable help.

Respectfully submitted
 Thomas C. Lewis - Superintendent

Voted to accept these reports and that they be copied on records of incorporation. The next business was the election of a board of nine

Directors, and it was voted
 Dr. Thompson cast ballot for
 Rev. E. A. Duck. George A. Chace.
 James H. Sence. John D. Hunt
 Mrs. E. H. S. Snow C. J. Greene.
 Mrs. Jefferson Borden Mrs. James E. Ostrom
 and Miss Carrie H. Brayton.
 and they were declared elected.
 Voted, Dr. Thompson cast ballot
 for Carrie H. Brayton Secretary
 & James H. Sence Treasurer and
 they were severally elected to
 their respective offices.

Voted to adjourn
 Carrie H. Brayton
 Secretary.

The eleventh Annual meeting of the
 Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River
 was held September 15th 1902 at the
 Club at 4.30 P. m.

The President in the chair.

The following call of meeting was
 read by the Secretary.

Boys Club of Fall River.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation
 of the Boys Club of Fall River, will be
 held at the Boys Club Anawan St.,
 Monday September 15th 1902, at 4.30 P. m.

Annual 1st To read and act upon the report
 report the Secretary, Treasurer, and Business
 Sept 15 1902

2nd To elect officers for ensuing year.
 3rd To transact any other business
 that may legally come before the
 meeting.

Harriet B. Bright

Secretary.

September 8th 1902.

This was followed by reading records
 of previous meeting which were
 approved and ordered placed on
 file.

Annual report of Secretary.
 The Boys Club of Fall River enters
 upon the thirteenth year of its
 existence free from debt, and with the
 friends on both sides of the Atlantic
 its wide spread influence re-
 marks the noble position in ex-
 tending its work that all our
 friends be made along the right

since, even if forgone, be apparent-
 ly shown. The prosperity and
 stability of every city and common-
 wealth depends upon the up-
 rightness and integrity of its
 citizens. Which if they move
 to a task to break up evil
 habits already formed, after the
 plastic years of youth are
 passed, or to of fashion and
 mould the character in its
 infancy and youth? They
 are trusted by the citizens of Free
 Town, in the work of the Boys Club
 since joined to them a substan-
 tial future in lessened taxes,
 for the support of its poor, care
 of criminals and guardianship
 of the peace and quiet of our streets.
 Aside from the knowledge that
 they have aided and uplifted
 humanity.

Letters from all parts of the
 United States have come to the
 Superintendent inquiring of the
 work here, and similar insti-
 tutions are springing up through-
 out the country. It behoves us,
 as the parent plant, not to be
 out done by these younger insti-
 tutions, for to go back upon the
 record of work already accom-
 plished. This can only be done
 by your aid. We appeal to
 you for a generous contri-
 bution of funds to support

and enlarge this work. It is our
right to ask, and we hope your
pleasure to give. In the future
we have bided us in the past,
and we urge upon you a con-
tinuance of your interest and
help in the future. The Directors
have held seven meetings during
the year, with an average at-
tendance of four.

The Sunday Vacation School,
which has been under the
auspices of the club for three
years, has this past summer
been given into the efficient
hands of Mr. George H. Sweet.
The club gladly giving the use
of the building.

We are glad for Superintendent
faithfulness and ability were
recognized and appreciated
outside of our own city, as is
shown by the vote for success
fully inaugurated at Portland.
The credit for which was due
to Mr. Wheeler. At the Dedication
exercises, July 8th, he was one of
the participants.

To name and all of the helpers
who have made this year's
work a success, the Directors
express their gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet M. Drayton
Secretary.

Annual report of Treasurer.

1901 September 1st balance \$73.40
 Subscriptions \$3668.70
 Building 868.17
\$4536.87
 \$4610.27

Salaries \$2408.88
 Coal 406.60
 Gas 227.24
 Electric light 64.01
 Water 304.46
 Insurance 11.40
 Entertainment 237.34
 Printing 34.21
 Building 490.16
 Postage 72.64
 Stationery 9.40
 Games 23.44
 Telephone 20.48
 Library 68.13
 Medals 5.00
 Express 6.48
 Travelling Expenses 19.68
 Play school 161.06

Balance

4570.59
39.68
 \$4610.27

Respectfully submitted
 James H. Dence
 Treasurer.

Annual report of Superintendent.

Hon. President, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am presenting you this brief but
true and accurate report of the
Boys' Life School since our first
year of adding freshmen to
it. I feel that this is true.

Total attendance 53034

Membership 1657

Boys 9823

Gymnasium 6776

Swimming pool 4178

Visiting 473

Classes 428

Bank Deposits \$62.56

Bank Withdrawals \$49.80

Bank Balance \$13.06

Deposits made 270

Of the amount withdrawn \$15.75 was

transferred to city banks in the

months of the year. One of our clubs

of older boys has more than \$120

in deposit. Another Club has \$10

We have a membership of 100 boys

from 16 to 21 years of age. About 1000

persons have used our bath &

showers which are not

included in the above statistics.

My past reports have had much

to say of the expansion and growth

of the Club, but this has been

a year of contraction. The mem-

bership was limited to 1000

boys from the opening of the

club until the first of January

Hardly a night passed but that for the want of some more refined tickets to two or more of the older boys. Since we received our new library, we have used our old books as a circulating library. We have loaned over 600 books. We have tried by this plan to keep some of our smaller boys in their own homes. This is the object of our distributing to the street and magazine and papers, like the Century Magazine, and the Church, Youth's Companion, Success and post. The Boys Club idea is not to draw boys from their homes, but from the streets. If by any means the Club can persuade boys to prefer their own homes to the street or even the Club, it causes us no regret, but rather satisfaction. My theories may not be up to date, but it seems to me, that whatever we do, should be done with the intention of keeping the home. That our weakness is the sense of responsibility of the father and mother for their children. The respect of children for their parents, is wrong, and is very likely to bear fruit injurious to all.

A mother came to me one day to get a ticket for her

boy. He was unwilling to have her
 play the violin, but he was
 glad to play with the boys. He then
 and soon compromised for two
 nights at this club, playing with
 the boys, and the other nights he
 used to play the fiddle. In a
 case in which he cooperated
 with the home. Not long ago
 a man came into the club,
 and after going all through the
 room said: "My boy used to
 come here, he has been nearly
 all over the country the last three
 years. He works for a Boston firm,
 who I think a great deal of him.
 They know that if they send him
 to do a job, it will be done, and
 that he will come back sober."
 The father who I have spoke so
 fondly of his son, did not
 know that five or six years ago,
 that same boy had talked with
 me, about running away from
 home, discouraged by the
 disapproval of his parents.
 There were two children younger
 than he in the family, and father
 takes, if you see after, charged
 him to stay at home - for case
 in which he cooperated with
 the boy for the good of the home.
 Parents often feel the care of
 their boys a burden. How often
 "have heard speculations" I
 feel that my boy is safe where
 he is here -

"What a blessing it is that the boys have such a nice place to come to." These come from the lips of mothers of course. If we don't only ease the burden bearing mothers by sending them their boys, with clean faces, a clean look, a good story, an interesting picture, a pleasant game with which to play, how much brighter and happier life would be. These our walls will not move outward and make more room, and our finances are not of the elastic variety, stretching out to give us more help-ers, so we shut up to one method, and that a good one for carrying the club into the house. It is because of the pressure I have felt upon my feelings, in having had to say "no" so often and to so many boys who need the club, that I give so much space to our present perplexing situation. The majority of our boys are from 17 to fifteen years of age. They are at the right age, and the right kind of boys for the club, fairly satisfied with looks or games, if varied enough and as far as they are obedient. The pressure comes from boys 16 years of age, and over who

are crazy for athletics. They are harder to control, harder to amuse than younger boys, and they are much more difficult to manage and keep on the track than younger boys.

The gymnasium has been in almost constant use by the boys at night and ladies classes during the day. The same is true of the swimming pool.

About twenty entertainments were given during the season. The vacation school did exceptionally fine work, during its six brief four week sessions. The father outings were more so satisfactory as this year, and the excursion to Pawtucket B.S. was thoroughly enjoyed. We have helped and been helped by our guests. The Loyal Temperance League, The Natural History Society, Working Girls Club and American B. David. The Bristol County Law School is our next arrival, and we hope for its success.

We have seen our gifts, but while we appreciate all of them we can but acknowledge the largeness of them. Two thousand books from Mr. C. D. Borden; printing press, tables, and some other friends, and a very recent gift of twenty volumes from a few business friends.

Our visitors have come from
all parts of the country. Our
correspondence is large. Requests
for reports, and even requests
perhaps for a building have
been offered for.

In our plans for new work
we have Candle Lighting Time
or the Story telling hour: Talks
by men who can say a good
deal in fifteen minutes.

Lending of books, games and
pictures, current magazines
illustrated and comic weeklies.

In classes we shall have
printing, carpentry, weaving,
iron turning and basket
making. A society called the
K. of H. A. is planned for the
fourteen year olds. We need a
fund for buying material
for our industrial classes,
besides a piano, books, pictures
and magazines. We need just
a little more money for cur-
rent expenses.

The work is as successful as
it ever was. It is being more
and more appreciated. It is
being done better, because the
needs of our boys are better
understood. It does not de-
velop as fast as we would
like to have it, but it is
better to build slowly and
sure. I am greatly and ill.

I feel sure we have kept about
 as many other days let it. I can
 profit much beside to many
 our days when we are not only
 living of good living, but of a
 very good living. For we must not
 be discouraged, not discouraged, but
 thankful for what has been
 accomplished, and looking into
 the future with a larger hope.
 To you, to all our contributors
 to my assistants, and to our
 daily newspapers, I extend my
 sincere thanks, for without
 their aid, we should not be
 able to do much, or do it well.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Chew

Superintendent.

Voted to accept these reports, and
 that they be copied in records of
 the Corporation.

The next business was the elec-
 tion of a Board of nine Directors,
 and it was voted Mr. Chew
 cast ballot for

Rev. E. A. Buck

George A. Chace.

James H. Bane

John D. Hunt

Mrs. E. H. B. Bane

Mrs. C. E. Bane.

Mrs. Jefferson Borden

Mrs. James E. Ostrom

and Mr. Harriet H. Brayton

and they were declared elected.

Voted Mr. Chew cast ballot for

Harriet H. Brayton Secretary and

James H. Bane Treasurer and they

were declared elected to their

respective offices.

Added to volume
Harriet Sp. Bayly
Secretary

The twelfth Annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Lake, Ind. was held September 21st 1903 at the Club at 4.30 P.m.

The Vice President presiding.

The following call of meeting was read by the Secretary.

Boys Club of Hall, Ind.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Hall, Ind. will be held at the Boys Club Annawan Street, Thursday September 21st at 4.30 P.m.

- Annual 1st To hear and act upon the reports of
 report the Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent.
 Sept. 21 2nd To elect officers for ensuing year.
 1903 3rd To transact any other business
 that may legally come before the
 meeting.

Harriet H. Drayton
 Secretary

Hall, Ind. September 14th 1903.

This was followed by reading records of previous meeting which were approved and ordered placed on file.

Annual Report of Secretary.

The greatest loss the Boys Club has ever sustained, came to it this year in the death of its beloved President Rev. Edwin A. Buck, who passed away March 10th 1903, after a few weeks illness. The Directors met that same afternoon and with saddened hearts drew up the following resolutions:

Resolved, that in the death of its President the
 Reverend Edwin Augustus, Buck
 the Boys' Club has lost a sincere
 earnest, devoted worker and
 friend. It was through his
 efforts that the Club was found-
 ed and he has given to it
 during the past thirteen years
 wise counsel, and enthusias-
 tic unselfish service, which
 will be sorely missed in the
 days to come. Be it further
 resolved that these minutes
 be spread upon our records,
 and a copy of the same be
 sent to our beloved President's
 family with our sympathy
 assisting them, as we have
 shared with them the benefit
 of his living service and devoted
 life, we share with them the
 loss in his death.

Voted the flag in the Club
 building be placed at half-
 mast until after the funeral.
 Voted that a floral token
 be sent in the name of the
 Club, and that as a further
 mark of our respect and
 affection we attend the
 funeral in a body.

The Directors attended the funeral
 and sent flowers as an
 expression of their reverence
 and sorrow.

The Club was started in 1880 through the influence of Mr. Buck, and all these years he has been its honored President.

I have not here seen Mr. Buck enter the building with his warm greeting for all, share felt his presence as a benediction, both to the work and workers.

He has left in the hearts of all who knew him honored, hallowed memories, and we give thanks for his long, useful consecrated life. It will remain a memory which will inspire our faithfulness, in all the varied opportunities of our lives.

The Directors have held six meetings during the year, with an average attendance of four. At the meeting held April 27th, Richard J. Thompson M.D. was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the Board.

Respectfully Submitted
Harriet H. Brayton
Secretary.

Annual Report of Treasurer.

September 1, 1902 Balance	\$39.68
By subscription	\$3749.24
Legacy W.D. Palmer Est.	796.00
" Grace Ann Southworth	200.00
Rent building	1047.01
Special for summer work	55.00
Interest on Deposit B.M.C.D.	9.18
	<u>5856.43</u>
	\$5896.11

Expenditures

Salaries

Superintendent & Assistant \$1363.57

Janitors 1080.00

Instructors in gymnasium 187.50

" " (Manuel Loring) 50.12

Supplies 444.85

Water 275.86

Gas 198.80

Electric Light 115.21

Coal 453.25

Lumber 65.00

Repairs 69.51

Printing 37.90

Anniversary \$108.47

Entertainment 12.69

Rent Hocking, Day Club 142.50

Picnics 100.00

Travelling Expenses 10.00

Games 27.70

Insurance 13.80

Carpenter 72.21

Laundry 60.66

Postage 108.02

Express 14.09

Telephone 7.27

Fire wood 6.00

Flowers 10.00

Farm Summer work 134.04

Extra help 6.50

\$5176.42

On Deposit Fall, First C. Bank 350.00

Balance B. M. C. Dwyer, Bank 369.69

\$5896.11

Resp submitted

James H. Pence
Treasurer.

Annual Report of Superintendent.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:
In a brief review of our work for the past year, there will be left out many things worthy of mention, for as the whole, this the thirteenth year of our club life, has been the best and most varied of them all. Our beloved President was very helpful in having the working boys club started, and was present and spoke at the social meeting with which that work began.

The Superintendent has given an assistant to help him and he trained for Boys Club work. A few generous ones gave additional contributions for special work: unexpected legacies added to our income and made it possible for us to carry out plans, which had often been talked of, but never attempted before.

Our membership and attendance have been large.

The interest on the part of the boys, good and keen in all of our club life. There have been some dearth backs and obstacles, which when we look back upon them, were not so serious as we imagined at the time. For the first time in some years, we

have not had to worry over finances. If we have spent more money than usual, it has not been wasted, but invested in the real dividend paying stock — our boys.

Statistics.

Membership	1660
Attendance	55537
Bowling	10463
Gymnasium.	3049
Swimming Pool.	8312
Visitors	367
In classes.	463
Deposits in bank	147
Amount Deposited	\$43.10
" Withdrawn	\$48.00
Balance.	\$25.10

These statistics compare favorably with those of previous years. They are really less, but the Hocking Boys' Club figures could only be estimated, and are not included in the above.

The Hocking Boys Club.

This was our great venture for this season. The United States Census for 1900 reports are city as having an army of about 7000 boys, between the ages of fourteen and twenty years, of whom more than 6000 are at work. It was to provide for some of these boys, especially those who had grown up in the Club, a place where they could have some time and privileges

Then we could give them in this building, that the rooms on Pocasset St. were engaged. They were fitted up with gymnastic apparatus, hand ball courts, and lockers. About 100 young men were members. It was opened with a social, at which refreshments were served, and speeches made afterwards.

It was a new idea to the boys, which was appreciated, and spoken of afterwards. After this club was fairly under way, a second room was opened for those who desired to play games.

A coffee-room was opened for the purpose of selling coffee cake or pie, for those who wanted them. It was not a success and was soon changed into a checker game room.

The enlarged room we had gave us a chance to relieve the Club on Anawan Street, a little.

We had our boys enroll themselves, as in former years, by the occupations or profession they intended to adopt, when they became men, and each group, or two small groups combined, spent an evening in the rooms on Pocasset Street, playing games or having stories read aloud. These boys were under the special care of

Mr. Kauffman, as were the
 crowds of boys, who came to
 play football on Saturday after-
 noon. Our working boys
 formed two good basketball
 teams, and won many games.
 Visitors.

We have had a great number
 of visitors. Some have come
 out of curiosity to look over
 the building. Others have been
 brought by friends, who are
 interested in our work, and
 take a great deal of pride in
 the Club. Brokers in other Clubs,
 have come to confer, and take
 away some of our methods
 for their clubs. Miss Cecilia Wilmer
 of Skofde, Sweden, an author, &
 social worker, spent an even-
 ing with us, giving our boys
 a talk about the boys of Sweden.
 She went to her home im-
 pressed, with the adaptability
 of our work to the needs of the
 boys of her native country.

In a recent letter she writes:
 "I have succeeded so far that a
 friend of mine here, will in
 the Autumn start a boys club
 on your principles, and I am
 invited to go to Stockholm in
 October, to lecture specially on
 your work, before an association
 of financial gentlemen, who will
 do everything to start a well
 ordered work in Gothenburg"

He may well rejoice in these new clubs, being born from an inspiration received by a perfect stranger in one evening's visit. Our own people do not come in as often as we would like to have them. But even here there is improvement.

A few friends make frequent visits. Parents are coming in oftener, and staying longer, and we are gaining their confidence slowly. For it is really very hard to get them interested enough to come and see what their boys are doing in the Club.

Correspondence.

Closely related to the subject of visitors is that of correspondence. Letters have come from many places, as near as Brighton and as far away as the State of California. The requests are simple, and the answers are not quite as easy. "Reports of the work" - "samples of cards used" - "What are the best kind of books or games?" "How can we start a club" - All of which I have taken your time to answer as fully as possible. The only place where I fail to be of some little use is when men are wanted. Our club has seen the subject of illustrated articles

in the Christian Herald and Social Service. The latter article which I wrote is to be re-printed in the "Dixie Home" a magazine published in Birmingham Alabama. The reason given by the Publishers for their request, was that it would probably help a club in Dixie city, which had been started two months ago. An illustrated article is now in preparation, which will probably be published in London, England. There may be very little direct advantage to our club, in the matter or fame we get in this way. To me, it seems to reflect credit upon our city, and the citizens who sustain it, and who have not got all the credit they deserved in the past. Then too, it requires an extra effort, to live up to the statements, and expectations of these friendly critics, the effort is made however, even if it is hard.

The outing Club.

This is a little club of six boys, who by earning a nickel or dime each week, gather sufficient funds for an outing. A visit to Boston on the earliest train leaving

Fall drive, and coming back on the last train from Boston, leaves us the impression that a busy and successful trip, had been enjoyed. The boys were very fortunate in having Mr. Stephen Goldman, the fence-reever of the strain, take a special interest in them, and show them places which they could not have seen without his aid. This party and another which visited Portchester, were in charge of Albert Hard. A few walks on Sunday afternoons were also taken. The boys have had their pictures taken, and put in an illustrated paper and early in their career adopted a fox-horn and lost dog as a mascot. Mr. Kauffmann took a few boys on walking trips and I have had about fifteen or twenty in trolley rides.

Farm.

Our work on the farm was greatly increased this year. We have had almost double the number of boys, we have ever had before. We began with ten boys in April, when potatoes and other vegetables were planted, dead limbs of trees were gathered and burned, stone walls repaired and other work done.

From there on until July an
 occasional day or two were spent
 there by one or two boys. In July
 and August we had six parties
 of boys from Mondays to Saturdays.
 I shall we had only accommodation
 for twenty boys, we actually
 had twenty seven boys one
 week. Besides the boys who
 were invited to go out and
 whose fares were paid, we
 guaranteed to take care of any
 boy who would walk out
 of the farm. Ten or Eleven boys
 walked out, five of them for
 one week. There was one boy
 of eleven years, whose mother
 had given him five cents to
 ride to sleep, drink, spent
 his money for candy and
 walked the whole way,
 from his home, about eleven
 miles. When asked why he
 did not ride he said "What's
 the use, when you start out
 to walk, you might as well
 walk all the way". We may
 try next year to make it
 worth the effort of all the
 boys, who want a weeks vaca-
 tion, to earn it by walking all
 the way. If you could only
 have seen the boys as they came
 struggling up to the farm, with
 their various bundles, you would
 have enjoyed the sight. Paper
 bundles, with half the

contents hanging out. Baskets pails, ~~worlds~~ shopping bags, and for the first time in our experience, one boy brought the conventional dress suit case. They all brought healthy appetites however, as I very well know, for it was a frequent occurrence for me to hear the cry "we have no bread" when it was only the previous day, I had brought him twenty loaves. I had had good times all the time from swimming to eating, playing ball to berry picking, (left no one caused numerous cases of heart failure. He learned new things about boys. I've licked the Apsonet boys at base ball; and we were at a Sunday School picnic to which we were very generously invited; these well earned and generously spoken words of praise; "we have the best behaved boys on the grounds" -

Summer School.

The fourth year of the Boys Club Summer School opened on Tuesday morning July 14, 1903 with 253 boys and girls in attendance. Of this number about 90 were in the Kindergarten, which department has had a steady increase in attendance as the years go by, in fact so

great was the demand for admission tickets this year that many were turned away. The session as in former years, was held on the four mornings each week from 9 to 11.30. All the pupils except the kindergarten classes gathered in the theatre for the morning talk, story and music. The children were placed in groups so arranged, that each child had some new occupation, at least every half hour. A different programme was used each day. The classes under the direction of Miss Harriet Fleet took up advanced basket making with very satisfactory results. Classes for the younger boys and girls were started in the simpler forms of cane basket work, as well as string work. Once again we were aided in our work by having the use of the unused school yard for a play ground. Here the swings and tilts, which were set up were in constant use. This side of the work we hope to develop until we have a properly equipped play ground, as soon as the necessary money can be procured. The drawing classes were well handled

by the Misses Maybelle Manning and Emma Heywood. The work done was of an exceptional high order, and needs to be seen to be appreciated. Miss Clarkson, one whom no better could be found to care for the sewing classes, has brought out the same good work that the classes have shown since the starting of the school. The work this year has been along broader lines than heretofore, while the average age of the children has been considerably less than in former years - few of the girls had ever had previous instruction in sewing.

The classes in nature were conducted by the young ladies from the Normal Training School who kindly gave their service each year. It is to be regretted that more of the young ladies, do not try to aid for this work. Many promises but for various reasons fail to appear thus the work comes up a few faithful ones. The young ladies who assisted this year, are to be congratulated upon their success. One of the brightest and what seems to us to be the most hopeful is the Kindergarten section

so ably managed by
 Miss Harriet Bennett. Here at
 any session may be found
 from 50 to 95 little tots gathered
 for the morning talk, to play
 the games and to do the work
 done by the kindergarten classes.
 The classes in physical training
 have been conducted by
 Masters Sampson, Hovey, and
 Mc Grath of the High School.
 Miss Claeska, Duffington who
 assisted Miss Clarkson with
 the sewing furnished the
 music for the theatre gatherings,
 while Miss Vida Pierpont had
 charge of the Kindergarten music.
 The spirit which we have
 tried to instill, has been
 that of doing something for
 others: the older pupils
 constructing baskets for the
 sale to help pay running
 expenses, the girls making
 articles for the older and
 younger ones, the kindergarten
 cutting, pasting, and mounting
 pictures in books, for use in
 the hospital.
 The money for the support of
 this work was derived from
 two sources:— from
 entertainment given by members
 of the Naval Brigade U.S.N.R.
 under the leadership
 of Mr. J. Edward Noy, and
 some from the Home Mission

which organization has so kindly aided us in previous years. The entire cost of running the school, has been less than \$200, which amount seems small, when we think of \$1000 used for schools elsewhere, which do the same work. The Average attendance was 201, this number was brought down by two rainy days, which we had during the four weeks term. Owing to the lack of funds no excursion was held this year.

Classes.

The manual training side of our work was devoted almost wholly this year to basket work. Miss Fleet and Miss Clarkson taught the classes with commendable success, for about eleven weeks. Each boy was asked to make two baskets, one for himself and one for the club. Some of the baskets we still have on hand, and others have been sold. It is not an unusual thing for a boy to carry something of what he has been taught to his home and it happened in this class. He was called upon for small quantities of supplies, which the boys brought to use in instructing his sisters how to make baskets.

Gifts.

They have been many. Magazines, illustrated papers, shoes & clothing for boys.

The needle work guild sent in stockings, towels, sheets, and pillow cases for use here and at the farm. We even had two tons of coal given to us. There are many other gifts of books, pictures and money we should like to acknowledge if time would allow. We must not forget the newspapers, who have given us, much valuable space, and free copies of their papers. Mr. W. C. D. Borden has been generous as usual in seeing that the bills for very extensive repairs of the building were paid. We appreciate all these kindnesses, from our good friends, and we desire to publicly thank them all.

Guests.

We have had the Working Girls Club as usual during the summer. The Natural History Society have met once each month. The Bristol County Law School have had a very successful year's work. It has been an inspiration to see the young men come in and spend a few minutes (snatched from their dinner or supper hours)

to study law. Besides those who
 were for search of mental food,
 there has been an army of 200
 women using our gymnasium;
 men and boys have been given
 lessons in swimming. Many
 men and a few women have
 used our baths. We could do
 more if we had larger fa-
 cilities, and more hands to
 help. The Treasurer's report of
 \$1047, from the building, must
 speak for us to some extent.
 We cannot accommodate all
 these young men who like
 to have a room in this build-
 ing for a club of their own.
 Before the first of September
 1903, two such clubs were
 turned away, regretfully on
 both sides.

Entertainments.

We have tried to have some
 kind of an entertainment
 every Saturday evening, and
 they have been very well at-
 tended. We wish they could
 be more varied and elevating.
 Harry & Edna have been giving
 by the boys themselves. We need
 very much somebody who
 has the tact and the time
 to train our boys who love
 dramatics. There is a good
 deal of talent waiting to be
 developed.

Reading.

Not nearly so much reading is done in the Club, as we would like to see. But the dime novels, we once saw frequently are growing less. Our circulating library which consists of books that some new, thirteen or more years ago, has had a circulation of nine hundred volumes.

Bowling.

Our bowling alleys are very popular, and this year we have had a bowling league. A schedule was prepared and for a long time very exciting and many times were indulged in. It was necessary and desirable that in order to accommodate these boys, an extension of one evening hours should be made from seven until ten o'clock. Boys under fourteen years of age, were not eligible to play after nine o'clock. A challenge to bowl the boys of the Parrotchet Boys Club, was accepted and played in that city, we were defeated.

Future Plans.

We shall have to modify our plans for the coming year. The working boys wives come here as before. There are many church clubs being organized to reach just this class of boys, but we may use an

oft repeated exclamations: what are these amongst so many? You have at the beginning of another season almost reached the limit of our club for these older working boys. An added volunteer working force is coming forward, to help us with entertainments and lectures. Our printing class is ready to do good work, and print our annual report, if desired. We had good success in raising chickens on the farm this summer, and our Carpenters class, is making boxes for them, a sample of which is for exhibition in the hall.

This is certainly a practical way of helping themselves, for it may be possible to make money enough to pay our expenses in the summer and improve the farm at the same time.

The Hocking Girls Club have very kindly, offered to give an entertainment for the fathers and mothers of our boys, and others are being arranged for later in the season. A little cart, strong and rubber tired, should be provided to go about collecting papers and magazines which are so freely given, but too often too lightly for a boy to carry. You provide the cart, and we will find the boy. I am sincerely we have

been greatly blessed the past year, and my expectations are not as great for this year, and I must ask you to provide for the insurance before entering on a larger work.

Conclusion.

The object of the Boys Club is not to build itself up, but to mend and repair wherever possible, the character and lives of our members.

It is not a disappointment to see our boys leave us to go somewhere else that they think is better for them. We would not, if we could, keep the good boys any more than we would keep the good athletes. Before this report was written a telephone message came over the line: "Can you send me a boy to work in my shop?" "The fellow you sent me before has graduated" "He turned out to be a good boy" I think that is the general testimony of those who have tried our boys. It is worth while if we only know of a few such boys. There are hundreds of other such testimonies which come from those who ought to know the boys themselves. There

is encouragement on every side
and I can think of no better
words for you, our boys and
myself than those which were
emphasized at the dedication
of this building. "Go forward
and do your best" — Thanking
the Directors for their kind help
and confidence.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Chew ^{and} Superintendent
Voted to accept these reports
and that they be copied on
records of S. S. Corporation.
The next business was the
election of a board of nine
directors and it was voted
Mr. Chew cast ballot for
George A. Chase. John D. Flint.
James H. Pence. W. Cornelius T. Greene.
Richard J. Thompson H. D. Mrs. E. H. D. Brown
Mrs. Jefferson Borden. Mrs. James E. Osborn
and Miss Harriet H. Drayton.
and they were declared elected.
Voted Mr. Chew cast ballot for
Harriet H. Drayton Secretary and
James H. Pence Treasurer. and
they were declared elected to
their respective offices.

Voted to adjourn

Harriet H. Drayton
Secretary.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River was held September 12th 1904 at the Club at 4.30 P. M.

The President presiding.

The following call of meeting was read by the Secretary.

Boys Club of Fall River

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, will be held at the Boys Club, Anawan Street, Monday, September 19th 1904, at 4.30 P. M.

Annual report Sept 12th 1904
 1st To hear and act upon the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent.
 2nd To elect officers for ensuing year.
 3rd To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Harriet H. Brayton
 Secretary

Fall River, September 12th 1904

This was followed by reading records of previous meeting, which were approved and ordered placed on file.

Annual Report of Secretary

The years work of the Club had been one of thought rather than action. More individual watchfulness, rather than fulfillment of desires, for opening new channels of profit, for both the older and younger members of the Club. Fresh, original work, was planned for the beginning of the year, without taking into account financial depression which has handicapped its execution, but not dampened the hope of an extension of the work in 1905. This all means that funds were needed

and not obtainable.

The Club has much to be thankful for that it is not in debt, although you will see from Treasurer's report, it is just over the border line! This is owing to the Superintendent's forethought, wisdom, and most excellent management.

The Club's influence is felt in the Eastern as well as our own hemisphere.

At a meeting of the directors, held October 20th George A. Chase was unanimously elected president, and John D. Flint, vice-president.

The Club is continually growing in the appreciation of our citizens and the hold it has on the boys of our city will never be lessened, and promises manifold increase in the coming years.

Respectfully Submitted

Samuel D. Brayton

Secretary.

Annual Report of Treasurer

September 1, 1903. Balance	\$ 369.69
Transferred from F. R. Savings Bank	200.00
Summer School, special	150.00
B. M. C. D. S. D. & Trust Co. interest	5.38
Subscriptions	3,338.04
Building	961.03
Total	<hr/> \$ 5,024.14

Expenditure

Salaries -

Superintendent and janitors	\$ 2,230.50
Building and repairs	401.09
Coal	469.43
Gas	208.10
Electric light	77.98
Water	213.96
Farm and summer work	276.97
Instructors -	
Gymnasium carpenter, printer and reader	320.74
Insurance	108.92
Furniture	125.65
Summer school	148.63
Travelling expenses	46.00
Anniversary	81.80
Games	26.00
Postage	81.80
Printing	68.41
Telephone	12.00
Express	3.70
Entertainments	21.13
	\$ 4,993.84
Balance	30.30

James W. Bence
Treasurer

Annual Report of Superintendent

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen:
The ideal boys' club has not yet
arrived. It is not here, and after
fourteen years of labor to bring it
here, I have to confess that it is some
distance in the future ahead of us.
The progressive club is here, and the
ideals of other years have been realized

and passed by, and we are in hot pursuit of our most recent ideal. And what is that ideal? A club where no boy or group of boys, who need the club, shall be turned away for lack of room.

Statistics

Membership	1689
Attendance	51,176
Bowling	10,353
Gymnasium	3959
Swimming pool	6774
Visitors	325
In classes	468
Depositors in bank	146
Amount deposited	\$74.62
Amount withdrawn	56.72
Balance	\$17.90

The attendance is smaller than last year, due to the very severe weather we had, and to the fact that the older boys monopolized the gymnasium. The evidence of progress here must be looked for not in numbers but in size, one big fellow in all that goes to make up a progressive club. Requires more thought and more room than ten small boys. The policy of the club used to be one of practical indifference to the older boy. He was old enough and big enough to look out for himself. If he did not like to play with the games and books provided for the "kids" he could go somewhere else. We have found that the places where he could go, and where he would be reasonably safe, were altogether too few and not sufficiently attractive. The unsafe places are far too numerous

and too freely patronized for the best good of the boy and the future citizen. The demand upon us from them is "room" "room" for gymnastics and athletics.

Gymnasium

Our gymnasium had 910 more boys this year than last year, in the aggregate attendance, and they were nearly all boys between 14 and 20 years of age.

For athletics, basket ball was the leading, and almost the only game, and our first team was the equal of any team in the city, with only two exceptions. There were five or six basket ball teams in the club, and there would have been more if lack of room had not prevented. The small boys were crowded out, and their only consolation was to watch the other fellows play and grow big as fast as they could.

A friend, who insists upon remaining unknown, provided a portable stand from which the various games could be seen and comfortably enjoyed.

We often alternated our entertainments on one Saturday it would be a show, and the next Saturday, two or three games of basket ball would be played.

If we cannot make our gymnasium larger, we can use it often, and at the close of last year we experimented with the small boys. A gymnasium class was started at 4.30 in the afternoon - three afternoons each week. The limit of membership was reached the second day.

Through the kindness of Mr M. C. D. Borden a floor which can be taken up, and put

down easily. Has been made for the swimming pool room which practically doubles our gymnasium room and by keeping open every afternoon and adding one hour to evening classes we expect to come somewhere near meeting the demand.

Pool.

Of course the swimming pool will not be in use while the room is being used as a gymnasium. This has been carefully considered. During the months of August September and October, more than three-fourths of those who use it, go in during that time, and the other one-fourth are scattered through the year. Sometimes in the cold weather we have used a half ton of coal, two or three dollars worth of water, besides labor, and not fifty boys have desired to use it. This heavy expense will be saved, and the great majority of boys will be accommodated as in the past. In the line of progress we should have the swimming pool open during July and June.

Baths

Related to the pool is the use of the baths which has been much larger this year than ever before. Older boys prefer shower baths to the pool, and a degree of regularity has been obtained that is very gratifying. Certain nights and even hours, have had to be assigned to the juniors, the seniors and young men's club, in order to accommodate them. The public use of the baths has been considerable, but of course the revenue from this source has fallen off on account of the strike. The public are excluded

at night. In the way of progress in this department, two new shower baths have been put in, doubling our equipment in this particular. Mr Borden is the giver.

Entertainments

A number of friends undertook to furnish entertainments for the club, one every month. These were successfully carried through, and relieved me very much. They were new and different and upon a higher plane than most of the entertainments we are able to get up ourselves. The friends who took so much trouble to help us are nearly all school teachers, and their cooperation is particularly appreciated.

It can help each other a good deal. Further progress was made by giving an evening's entertainment to fathers and mothers of the boys. The Working Girls Club were the entertainers. It does not detract from the value and appreciation of the efforts of our friends to say that the "shows" which the boys themselves plan and execute are the most appreciated. We have several companies of would-be actors, one of which is planning even now, to give an original play entitled "The Rugged Path" at our next anniversary, February, 1905.

If you will read between the lines you will find the title of the play just fits my experience in keeping these dramatic companies intact.

Instruction

The painting class was in session only a few weeks, but did a very fine piece of

work in setting up our last annual report. They will try to do better work in printing the annual reports presented to-day. The carpenters class had a much longer session, and their work was to build chicken coops for use on the farm. Their work was done well and there is very much more that they can do to help in this line. An improvement to their work, and something which would interest another class of boys, would be to have a painting class, to paint all the work done by the carpenters. Miss M. Evelyn Buck will start a class for us in wood carving, later in the season.

Between entertainment and instruction lies our "story-reading hour". For a number of Friday evenings, Miss Alice G. Smith read a continued story. Before the main story was read, a short story of American history was read. The interest was very great, and I count this feature one of our best and a sign of progress. A division will be made the coming season and two sets of boys will have stories read to them.

Records

We have begun this year to keep our records of the membership by the card system. Each boy on entering is recorded on a card which will contain his record, so far as the Boys Club is concerned, as long as he is a member of the club. He shall be able when we complete the record to tell just how many different boys we have had in the club. He can tell you just how many new boys come in, and the average length of time the boy stays. That may be of value in the future will be to know at just what age a boy ceases to come to the club, and

why. The years 1890 and 1903 have been copied, and 3000 different cards have been made out. From now on we shall have comparatively few new cards to make out, and in our spare time we can copy the early records. So far as figures can show the story of our work we shall soon be able to give definite answers to definite questions.

Summer School

The summer school was conducted as in years past under the direction of Mr George H. Sweet. The crowds of children who tried to get in were larger than in the past. I saw at one session, 125 children in the kindergarten, and a total of 400 was present in one day. The funds for this practical and very desirable work were furnished by individual friends, and two entertainments. The Women's Union sent in their usual generous donation. Our thanks are due, and tendered to all who by personal service or gift, made our summer school a success.

Farm

The farm work this year has not been confined to the summer work. The sound of the carpenter's hammers, and the tongues of the carpenters, told a story of working "for the farm," which had to be explained to many visitors. Fresh eggs were sold to parents through the boys. We have had no one find fault with our product, but the demand far exceeded the supply. The boys have been careful to look out for the interests of the club, returning the paste board boxes, even when told to keep them, because it would save us some-

thing". We expect to keep up this practical Co-operation between the farm and the club, the boy and his home.

One hundred and fifty boys have spent a vacation at the farm the past summer. A base ball team came up for a day, and many older boys have come out during Thursday afternoons. An enjoyable has been spent and without serious accident. The courage and good sense of the boys, with the assistance of my helper rescued a boy from drowning. The younger boys held the boy up until Mr. Hard reached and swam ashore with him. Disobedience fills in the rest of the story. Homesickness, especially on rainy days, is the hardest problem we have to contend with. One boy stopped one day. He was told that when he got over his homesickness he could come back again. He spent one day at home and came back and the following week he wanted to come and pay his board. We have no trouble the second time a boy visits the farm.

There were four mothers who came to see the boys. We had a much easier task this year than in the past. The Fire Stone Company of Taunton, made us a present of a "Glenwood B" range, with hot water boiler attached. Mr. James Sunderland and son of this city gave us a washing machine. Messrs. C. H. Bird and son Walpole, Mass. gave us several rolls of roofing papers, and last, but not least, the expense of a carpenter who worked ten days, was paid for by a friend. During the winter the needle-work guild gave us sheets and pillow cases. We are now

very nicely equipped. Friends gave generously for this work, and I am very sure it does much good and is appreciated.

Visitors and Correspondence

We have had many visitors, and much correspondence on our club's work. We must keep it up and make progress.

Our last visitor to go away with a good impression, came from England. Our last correspondent, asking for advice and help, is as far away to the west, Butte, Montana. Last year I mentioned the name of a Swedish lady, to

whom we had extended some courtesies.

Her visit to this Club has resulted in seven boys' clubs being started in Sweden, and she herself intends to live and work in a club, this winter.

Guests

The Harkins Girls Club, The Bristol County Tail School, and The Loyal Temperance Legion have been our guests this year. The latter organization held a convention in our building, in June.

Military Drill

The boys must have known in some way, that we were going to have a banner presented to us, for during the winter a small company have been drilling, with one of their own number as captain. We hope to increase the size of the company and get one of our high school cadets to instruct them. We need orderly followers of the flag.

Coming Events

There are two very important events to come in October and November. The first is the presentation of a flag by the Romans

Relief Corps. A patriotic occasion is to be made of it. The G. A. R. Sons of Veterans and public officials are to be invited, and there will be some speaking and singing.

The second event is a meeting of all the superintendents of the large Boys' clubs in the country. There will also be some speakers from New York City, who have had practical experience in managing boys' clubs in the public schools. New York passed a bill through its legislature last year, to establish clubs in New York city at public expense. But the bill was vetoed by the mayor. His objection, I understand was not to the clubs, but he wishes them to be under the direction of the school authorities. The bill required a new and separate board. Under present conditions, and in the future, our schools should at least be placed where philanthropic people can use them if the authorities will not do so. I ask for your hearty cooperation in preparing for these two events.

Alterations

The printing outfit and carpentry class have been moved a story higher, to a place where they can be reasonably quiet and not themselves annoy others with their noise. The place vacated by them is desired for a locker room, and a lounging room for the older boys.

We need it the worst sort of a way, but it cannot be of much practical value until there is a door-way and stairs made to it from the gymnasium, which I ask you to have made. Then we shall have no space or room from

basement to roof, but what is doing some service for the boys.

Needs

More books for our loan library. He would like to loan games with the books and have a club in every home. Gifts of magazines are needed just as generously as in the past. They are appreciated. He needs money. Our needs have been met to an extent that makes me deeply grateful, but if we only had more funds we could do more work and do it better.

Conclusion

There are many things more I should like to say. Just as important in the club's life as those which have been mentioned. We have had many a social time with refreshments. We have had boy guests from out of the city and in it. We have found places for several boys to work.

We have used the club's name and our own to get fellows positions. We have talked with discouraged boys and tried to brace them up to try again.

We have been pleased to meet boys of other years, now men, who have got on in the world. We have talked 'boys' whenever and wherever we got the chance, and yet in spite of some manifestly good results we have been discouraged.

The work that should be done is so great and the laborers are few. The results are slow and not always apparent. A club that is progressive will not long despair.

but will do its best to make good men out of the best and only material of which men can be made - boys.

To the directors I offer my sincere thanks for their kindly aid and encouragement they have given me personally, and for their time and thought given to the club. Our secretary unable to be at our meetings as often as she would have liked to be, has been the same faithful friend of the club as always. Our president has given time and thought to the work and his interest and advice have been much appreciated. A typewriter for the office, and the picture of our former president, Mr Buck, he and the directors have kindly procured for us.

Next year, God helping us, you may expect a report of further progress.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Chen

Superintendent

Voted to accept these reports, and that they be copied in records of corporation.

The next business was the election of Board of nine Directors for the ensuing year. Voted, Mr Chen cast ballot for the present Board of Directors representing voice of corporation. viz

George A. Chace

John D. Flint

James W. Bence

C. L. Greene

Richard J. Thompson

Mrs E. A. B. Brown

Mrs Jefferson Borden

" James E. Osborne

Harriet H. Brayton

and they were declared elected.

Voted. Mr Chew cast ballot for

Harriet H. Brayton

Secretary

and James H. Bence

Treasurer

and they were declared elected to
their respective offices.

Voted to adjourn

Harriet H. Brayton

Secretary

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River was held September 18th 1905, at the Club, at 4.30 P. M.

The President presiding.

The following call of meeting was read by the Secretary.

Boys Club of Fall River

The annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, will be held at the Boys Club, Swanwick Street, Monday, September 18th 1905 at 4.30 P. M.

1st To hear and act upon the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent.

2nd To elect officers for the ensuing year

3rd To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Frederic H. Brayton

Secretary

Fall River September 10th 1906

This was followed by reading records of previous meeting, which were approved and ordered placed in file.

Annual Report of Secretary

The Directors have held three meetings during the year. The average attendance was five. The Club work

has matured - that is, been strengthened the past year. The corner stones are firmer and deeper. The many

workers have indeed been most faithful.

The Superintendent has braved many discouragements. His ambitious cannot all be realized at the present time, but step by step he will be led, and his activity and zeal be rewarded in the

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culmination of work that will be of
benefit, not only to our own citizens but
mankind throughout the universe
Harriet H. Perayton
Secretary

Annual Report of Treasurer

Sept 1. 1904	balance	\$ 50.00
Interest		2.43
Subscription		34 36.17
Transfer Fall River Savings bank		325.00
Building		1107.90
Gifts		375.00
Total		\$ 6194.50

Expenditure		
Salaries		\$ 2311.35-
Farm		304.11
Building		508.95-
Coal		288.77
Gymnasium		248.50
Electric Light		142.55-
Gas		208.00
Water		167.53
Lumber		107.74
Carpenter		173.10
Industrial department		98.64
Games		84.70
Postage		57.40
Paints		46.95-
Telephone		30.50
Piano		60.00
Insurance		7.60
Express		4.02
Anniversary		100.62
Extra Help		30.75-
Grand		

Total 5-114.88
 Sept. 1. 1905, balance 78.62
 5-194.50

James H. Pence
 Treasurer

Annual Report of Superintendent

Mr President, ladies and gentlemen:
 This report will have to be brief and very simple. After fifteen and a half years of work, the retelling of the story of the doings of this boys' club, loses some of its crispness.

Statistics

Membership	1897
Attendance	60,565
Boating	9,691
Gymnasium	6,070
Swimming Pool	5,656
Visitors	462
Printing and carpenter classes	453
Deposits in penny bank	135
amounting to \$45.75	
Withdrawals of \$31.58 leaving a balance of 13.52	

Employment was found for three or four boys. The beginning of the year showed signs of promise of a large attendance for the year, and the signs did not fail, for we exceeded last year by nearly nine thousand, and this year is the best since we came into this building. The attendance upon the swimming pool decreased from 6779 to 5656. But, the first is a record for nine months. During those six months when the pool was being used for a gymnasium

There was a gain in that department of 2727. There is a constant gain in the use of the shower bath. There is a regular and fixed habit among many of our older boys, in bathing, that is a sign of development that is encouraging. The gymnasium, bowling and bathing privileges were sought after so much that it was necessary to keep the club open on many evenings until 11 o'clock and later. Never was it made so plain that our building was inadequate to meet the demands being made upon us, as it was during the last season. Of course, the strike had something to do with the attendance at the club. Some boys were tired of doing nothing and used the club as a safety-valve to let off their surplus energies, and some, how many I do not know, came to get warm. We may not have so great a demand this year, but we are preparing for a larger membership and a larger attendance than we have ever had before. It will pay to be prepared. The boys' club is nearer the ideal of the operative boys than is any other club in the city. We ought to develop the club with not only the idea of helping the boy operative, but continuing our helpful interest until they become young men.

The conference of Boys' Club superintendents, held here in November, was a success. The generous hospitality of our ladies was appreciated very much. Those who were our guests

during the evening enjoyed the exhibition given by our gymnasium classes.

Speeches were made by some of the best boys' club men in the country. From that meeting a beginning was made towards forming a national organization of boys' clubs.

There was a Christmas celebration with a distribution of nuts, cake and candy, and an entertainment. Page & Co. of Boston, sent 1000 books to the Mayor for distribution. The Mayor kindly asked us to give away one-half of them which we were very glad to do.

The anniversary celebration was a great success. For the afternoon and evening we had 1311 boys. This was only part of the celebration, for our older boys had to wait until Monday evening. The Mayor's private secretary, in the absence of the Mayor, made an excellent address. The Boys' club quartet sang many songs, and at 11 o'clock the 15th anniversary had been brought to an end. The thanks of the club were tendered to the young ladies who served the luncheon on Saturday afternoon, and to those who served on Monday evening.

The entertainments on Saturday evenings have been numerous and attractive. Several churches have entertained with dramas, and one operetta was presented. Our own dramatic company presented two plays, and have bought some scenery. The Y. M. C. A. minstrels gave a very creditable performance. Many of

The best shows in the estimation of the boys, were given by school boys. Plenty of blank cartridges, paint and powder, and a little red fire makes a small play appear a big show. We have had a few educational lectures, illustrated with lantern slides. The most important event of the year was presentation of a beautiful silk banner by the local Women's Relief Corps. Speeches were made by a number of the veterans of Richard Gordon post G. A. R. How appropriate in our building! The boys saluted the flag, and repeated in unison the flag-pledge. We have been entertained, and we have instructed. The children of the public schools gave a flower exhibition in our building, with an attendance of 1300. The Y. M. H. Social Club had the free use of our hall one Sunday evening, for a public meeting in the interest of a Hebrew free school.

The Bristol County Law school is still with us, and in October will begin its fourth year. The Loyal Temperance Legion meets in our rooms from October to May, every Saturday afternoon. The Working Girls' Club have been our guests for 10 weeks during the summer. An evening school for teaching English was held by one of our older Hebrew boys. The newsboys have had several meetings in our hall, and have formed an association. There have been many individuals given the use of our rooms, and at odd times committees of various kinds have held meetings in the building. It has been a priv-

ilege to serve our many friends. The play-school has been a success, as usual, and Miss Moore, the principal, this year has very kindly, at my request, sent in the following report:

Report of the Boys' Club summer school
The summer school opened July 11, and continued four weeks. The school, open to both boys and girls, enrolled 512. The teaching corps consisted of the principal and 11 assistants: Principal Frances W. Moore Kindergarten, Frances Buck, Ruth Lawrence, Clarissa Buffinton, Vida Pearson, Manual training, Louis Battey. Sewing and domestic science, Annie Charleson, Mabel Harris; basketry, Helena Murphy; Cardboard construction, Lucy Fothergill; Gymnasium McCreath; playground, Arthur Sampson.

Of these departments, three were new to the school this year; - The manual training, cardboard construction, and domestic science.

The funds for the work were contributed by the Women's Union, the Civic Club and individuals. Through the generosity of these, the new departments were made possible, and the effectiveness of the old ones increased.

One contributor gave money to purchase and equip with tools, eight new benches for the manual training. An iron bed and furnishings were loaned by the E. S. Brown Co. for the domestic science where the girls were taught to make a bed, set a table, and wash dishes. The merchants in town and the vicinity Cook Borden, Edward Adams, Horner

Skinner, George Hoar, Callahan & Daley, R. A. McWhiter, and Synan Brothers, either gave outright supplies for the work or liberal discounts on purchases made.

The Kindergarten on Fridays was the receipt of flowers and luncheon from various friends. George W. Bliss gave an especially attractive luncheon one Friday. Mr Mills of the waiting room gave a pleasant little treat to the girls of the sewing class.

Closing day, an entertainment and exhibition of the work were given. The manual training department showed footstools upholstered in leather, tabouret, coat hangers, sleeve and broad-boards and book cases; the cardboard construction work included waste baskets, screw reels and many small articles made of cardboard and paper; the sewing department showed dolls clothes, canvas work and embroidered doilies, neckties and sofa pillows; the kindergarten work, having Japanese brushes, water-colors, clay, colored paper and pictures, was able to do regular kindergarten work.

A number of large picture books for hospitals were made in this department.

Throughout the school, the pupils were allowed to take their work home with the exception of the large baskets which were sold to help defray expenses.

The usefulness of the school is limited only by lack of means. Doubtless the number of large boys could have been handled by Mr Battey in the

manual training had the equipment permitted.

The Kindergarten in such a district is perhaps the most useful department. Many children were turned away this year who could have been received with a larger teaching force.

Frances W. Moore

The use of the swimming pool as a gymnasium, and the two new shower baths have been quite an addition to our equipment. The pool was painted throughout and a new floor was put in the attic room at a cost of over \$250. We have no possible way of expanding within this building. There have been three women's gymnasium classes during the season. We needed the money which these classes brought us, but we need the time and room more, and have decided that the women must go. No more women's classes so long as we have to turn boys away from the gymnasium.

The farm work this year was very good. One hundred and three boys spent a week there. The Boys Club Dramatic company were there on the fourth of July. We used both houses this spring as our tenant left us in the spring. One house was used as a club room for the boys, and a home for the superintendent and family. The other was used for kitchen and dining rooms. The dormitory and barn were re-shingled at a cost of about \$50. A very pleasant arrange-

ment with the boys at Berkeley was made for baseball games. One game was played on their grounds, and one on ours each week. Our boys won a majority of the games played. The club room at my house was well patronized, and should hereafter be a permanent feature.

It is very difficult for me to convince those who are interested in boys' camps that our object is not to have the boys "rough it", but, if possible, to give them as good or better home life than they have at their own home. They are wild enough, without trying to make them any wilder. The sleeping in one big room, the dining all together, and being protected from the cold, rainy weather by permanent buildings is better than living in tents. We have the sociability of camp life without its discomforts. Two boys' club superintendents were among our visitors.

The industrial department was a new venture this year. Mr Ward reports making 1576 calls. Goods were sold in the store amounting to \$134.56. The junk brought in \$128.40. Expressing brought in \$27.80, a total income of \$291.06. There was paid out for rent \$53.00; grain \$48.65; incidentals, repairs, etc. \$30.71, wages \$17.55; a total of \$307.36, a deficit of \$16.30. This is an exceptionally good showing. The club has had the free pick of all articles sent in. We have done

our own expressing. Many articles of household furniture we have sent to the farm, so that the two houses are equipped fully. The goods now on hand in the store are worth \$37. What we started out to do is being accomplished. Poor people do come and buy the goods, and best of all to me, there are quite a number of self-dependent boys who patronize the store. He would like to continue the work, and with a little more goods to sell, self-support will be an accomplished fact. The new plans for the year are worthy of your careful consideration and I hope, approval. On the second floor will be opened a "knights" room. The arrangement is to fit up the room as a parlor, where the knights may meet as often as they wish. A "knights" is any member of the club who is willing to conduct himself as a knight should. Cleanliness and politeness are the essentials. This idea came to me, as I observed the boys in our house at the farm. The great problem is how to reach the home life of our boys.

The new floor put in the attic was intended to be used exclusively for manual training classes. I suggest that this part of our work be put upon a work-shop basis. That as much useful work as can be found for our carpenters and painters, be found, and that each boy, who does his work faithfully, be paid a small sum - ten cents per night. When there is no work to do close up the shop. I think the result will be that the boys will strive to

hold their jobs, but will be interested in getting work to do. About 17 boys could be employed with our present equipment.

I have an offer of a young man to take charge of an upholstering class. We are expecting the newboys to meet soon, and decide upon our offer of club and gymnasium privileges during the day.

The newboys and hotel bell-boys have probably more than a fair share of temptations and I wish we could reach them with club influences.

It seems quite a jump from our small club on Third Street to the present club with its variety of work to-day. Our club has not gone in the line of least resistance unless that line has seemed to be the line of greatest usefulness. I believe more in the usefulness and growth of the club to-day, than I ever did. It must grow, and the provisions for its extension and support are sure, judging entirely from the history of the past. It is my purpose to go, and to urge you to go forward. I have nothing to say about money. To come through a season like the last, with a balance in the treasury, speaks volumes for the loyalty and generosity of our friends. I am grateful and thankful. I have nothing to say about the new building for older boys, although two boys were turned away for want of room this week. We have employed a gymnasium instructor to give his whole time to the work. Every evening in the week, and every day, too, is given over exclusively to boys and young men, with the expectation that we can use it wisely and

gather a large membership of older boys. He means to deserve an additional building if we possibly can. He will probably be ready for it the year after next, please take notice, and govern yourselves accordingly. The present year aside from the new features suggested, should be a year of preparation. Not only the industrial department should be striving for self-support, but the farm as well. We have there in stock about \$250, mostly pullets and year old hens. It is a good beginning but only a beginning. If you were to donate about \$250. for the present season, and not send the boys out for one year, there would be a good chance to try and build a poultry plant there that should be a source of income. Our carpenters' class could help in framing new buildings, but it must be done very soon before cold weather sets in.

Now in conclusion I want to thank each one of you for your kind support, and especially for overlooking my many failures. I am conscious of having made mistakes, but have tried not to make the same mistakes a second time. There is no desire on my part to give less time to this club. Outside demands have grown upon me, although unnoticed, and some of these I shall give up, that my best efforts may be given here.

I am hoping that we may be spared to see a wonderful development, not only in our club life, but in the boy-life in our city during the next two years. The best is to come.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Chew

Encl.

Voted to accept these reports, and that they be copied in records of corporation. The next business was the election of Board of nine Directors for the ensuing year. Voted, Mr Chew cast ballot for the present Board of Directors representing voice of corporation. viz.

George A. Chace
 John D. Flint
 James W. Bruce
 C. L. Greene
 Richard J. Thompson
 Mrs E. H. B. Brow
 " Jefferson Borden
 " James E. Osborne
 Harriet H. Brayton

and they were declared elected.

Voted, Mr Chew cast ballot for
 Harriet H. Brayton
 Secretary

and James W. Bruce
 Treasurer

and they were declared elected to their respective offices.

Voted to adjourn

Harriet H. Brayton
 Secretary.

The fifteenth-annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River was held September 17, 1906, at the club, at 4.30 P. M.

The President presiding
The following call of meeting was read by the Secretary.

Boys Club of Fall River

The Annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, will be held at the Boys Club, Anawan Street, Monday, September 17, 1906, at 4.30 P. M., to hear and act upon the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent.

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2nd To elect officers for the ensuing year

3rd To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Harriet H. Brayton
Secretary

Fall River, September 10, 1906

This was followed by reading records of previous meeting, which were approved and ordered placed on file.

Annual Report of Secretary

The Boys' Club is 16 years old. Its growth during these years has been gradual, leading up to its present possibilities, and pointing out ways to success for Fall River's young citizens.

These young men are awakening to the fact that it now lies wholly within themselves, whether in coming years they prove desirable citizens. They realize each one must make his own mark in the world, and the club now, more than ever before, offers stimu-

lating, progressive growth.

If at first a boy's natural talent is not manifested, it is soon brought out by the various opportunities opened to an ambitious lad attending the club.

The worth of the club in this community is getting more deeply rooted in the hearts of our citizens. They are indeed thankful for its beneficial influence.

A year ago M. C. D. Borden, of New York decided to give to the club its new building now being erected on Pocasset street for the use of young men, that the gymnasium facilities might be increased and the club still keep in touch with its members of years ago who had outgrown the Tuwau street home. This additional generosity of Mr Borden appeals to our young men, and they feel Mr Borden is their true benefactor.

The directors have held seven meetings during the year with an average of attendance of five. The club has been called during the year, to lose a personal friend, in the death of Mrs E. B. Brown. She was a most faithful member of the board of directors for nearly 15 years. Her life was one of practical unselfish Christianity, always ready to help in time of need and continually giving of the bounty of her kindness and sympathy. However busy, however full of her personal anxieties, she always found time to think of the welfare of the club, and at many of the meetings asked after members, and

always by name. She is greatly missed both in the club work and at the directors meetings. Mrs Brown's enthusiasm and inspiration will always remain with us. It is most gratifying to know that Mrs Robert C. Davis, her daughter, has been elected a member of the board.

The superintendent was obliged in the winter to take a few weeks rest in the South. During his absence, his letters told, he was still planning for the future prosperity of the club. Whether at home or abroad, resting or in active service, his thoughts and energies always centre on the extension of the work and on the need of our boys.

It has been a privilege to have the summer vacation school meet in the building this past season, and many societies have been guests of the club during the year, all helping to broaden their own, as well as the club's interests.

The directors desire at this time to extend to all the workers at the club and farm their hearty appreciation for their cheerful, willing and efficient labor in behalf of the boys.

The subscribers to this cause cannot but see that it is their individual offering that has been the means of promoting and sustaining the noble work of the Boys Club of Fall River.

Respectfully submitted
Harriet D. Brayton
Secretary

Annual Report of Treasurer

Subscriptions	3,613.84
Legacy	1,662.49
Special gift for Supt.	1,000.00
Special gift for anniversary	200.00
Receipts from building	1,105.61
Interest on deposits, B. M. C.	
Surge Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	15.71

Total	\$7,657.65
Balance	79.62

Total	\$7,737.27
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Expenditure	
Salaries of Superintendent and janitors	\$2,259.64
Gift to superintendent	1,000.00
Salaries gymnasium instructor and evening helpers	744.00
Farm	570.33
Gas	236.41
Water	104.69
Coal	393.53
Electric light	128.22
Industrial department	104.32
Games and supplies for building	234.20
Anniversary and entertainments	206.70
Printing	50.75
Postage	54.25
Insurance	43.25
Hardware	40.37
Repairs	31.92
Telephone	35.40
Furniture	49.61
Traveling expenses, carpenter expenses etc	57.95
Emergency fund	1,000.00
	forward

Total	\$ 7. 615. 90
Balance	<u>121. 37</u>
Total	\$ 7. 737. 27.

Respectfully submitted
James H. Pence
Treasurer.

Annual Report of Superintendent

In submitting my annual report for the past year, it is with a very deep appreciation of your kindness in overlooking my shortcomings, as well as for your gifts and very practical assistance. We are fortunate in having friends, - friends of the club, who are always ready to supply our needs. It was your action at the last annual meeting, which has brought into being the new building on Pocasset street. Our friend Mr M. C. D. Borden, was ready to provide the room the room for our older boys, as soon as the great need was brought to his attention. It is your privilege and mine to develop the club work so that it may meet the approval of our Friend above, who has so beautifully stirred the hearts of those who have sustained the club through all these years.

What did you expect of the club 16 years ago? When we moved into Vermont block on Pocasset street we had then the largest room of all the boys clubs of that time. A club house that would cost not more than \$25,000 seemed to be ages away, but it came sooner, and four-fold larger than we expected.

We have grown to fill the building. A newspaper appeal for a house and an acre or two of land, brought us a farm of 150 acres from our friend George W. Dean. We have not yet grown big enough to occupy it for the best good of all the boys, but the demands are going to be greater, and we are in the way of meeting the demands as they come.

Last year, at our annual meeting, under the inspiration of our president, with what enthusiasm we undertook and planned for a modest building for our older boys. He had talked a great deal about that building, and no doubt wanted it very much, but, when we felt that we needed the building, and started out to get it, the building was in sight, and as usual six times larger than we had expected.

There have been many times in our history when the treasury was like "old Mother Hubbards cupboard," "bare." But when the need became known, the treasury was quickly replenished.

This club has led the boys' club movement in many ways. Nearly all the boys' club buildings have been erected since 1897, and nearly all of them are the gift of an individual in the cities where they are located. Your kindness to me last year has been imitated, in a less generous degree, to a fellow superintendent.

We are soon to show what can be done for the factory boy, and upon our efforts and success will depend the

helping of many other boys not in our city. But just as worthy, and just as needy. The task before us is greater than I would have willingly chosen, but I firmly believe that we cannot stop growing, and that our growing needs will be beautifully supplied.

Membership last year was	1943
Aggregate attendance	63,785;
Bowling	11,957
Gymnasium	9,306
Swimming pool	6,584
Visitors	366

Classes in carpentry and printing, 10-boys came 211 times! deposits made in penny bank 0.3; amount of deposits \$49.35; amount withdrawn \$5.24, balance \$44.11

The aggregate attendance is larger than last year, and over ten thousand larger than two years ago.

Gymnasium

As you well know, our boys do not have much leisure during the day, and it is surprising how interested they are in the gymnasium. Our gymnasium is not run on the body building plan, but as a recreation center. We do try, and with some measure of success, to improve their bodies, but it is done largely through play and not by direct instruction. We have in mind that we are soon to have one of the largest gymnasiums in the country, and we must have some trained boys to go into it as examples and leaders of other boys. We must have a leader too. Mr. Reynolds, our instructor, has been employed the whole year, and during the summer

attended the Howard summer school for the purpose of improving and fitting himself for the work before him.

We have had the usual number of basket ball teams this year who have met with much success in winning games. It started late with a football team. We have some good wrestlers in our membership. For want of room and time, our classes for small boys have had to come afternoons, and for variety's sake, our gymnasium instructor has had the boys go out to the park on Saturday mornings. Athletics is the surest way of reaching and helping boys in their teens, morally, and we have a wide open door for those who will come. We stand for clean sport and fair play.

Classes

We have had classes in painting carpentry and upholstering during the early part of the year. Owing to my absence they were not carried on as long as usual. Some of the work done by the carpentry class, was transferred and erected on the farm. We plan to add two more classes this year - Varsity and Sloyd - both of which were successful during the summer. We shall have the same teachers and many of the same boys so that progress will be made from the point where it left off with the summer school.

Dramatics

There has been an attendance of dramatic talent in the club during the past year. Nearly all of our entertainments have been given by members of the club. There

There are so many actors, there must be some jealousies, and while this is so, there is a loyal spirit developed towards the club. The most ambitious play that was produced during the season, was the "Ticket O'Leave Man", and considering the youth of our boys, it was well done. Through the efforts of some of our boys a new drop curtain was presented to the club. For the coming year, the interest in this kind of work will not lag, for there are now four or five companies rehearsing plays already. Aside from the entertainment afforded there are many lessons of patriotism taught through many of the patriotic plays. Saturday evenings will be given up to entertainments as far as possible.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool has been very well patronized this year, and the new feature of charging one cent for a swim, and a towel that has not seemed to lessen the number of bathers. It would be impossible to compel every boy to take a shower bath before using the pool, with our present facilities, but a great good could be done if we had a footbath for the use of our barefooted boys.

Farm

We have not had any boys out to the farm this year. We have erected coops, mostly out of old lumber and iron boards, that more than doubles our capacity for sheltering poultry. We have now 250 hens and 35 chickens besides a cow and a heifer calf. Two acres or more of land which was growing up

to bushes has been recovered, plowed and planted to corn. We have grown corn on another part of the land, also oats, buckwheat, turnips, potatoes and a few cabbages. We are in much better shape now than we have ever been.

It is not so much what we have done that pleases me, for we might have done more, but that I feel able now to direct the work and put into operation a systematic plan for the future.

Time is money, and I have planned to cover all the land we have used this year with seed for spring crops. The work being partly done now. Next year we shall need the boys as much as they will need the farm. It's a knotty problem that seems on the way to a satisfactory solution.

Industrial

The industrial department did very well until I went away. Mr Ward has had to give so much of his time to the club, we had to let much of that work go undone. We will take it up again very soon.

Summer School

Mr Sweet makes a special report to you of the good work done by it and by him, for he is the inspirer of all the workers.

We have given him this year an extra helper in Mr Ward. While Mr Sweet secures the money for the school, we contribute the club house, and pay the wages of two men.

Visitors

We have many visitors from out of the city, and especially workers in boys' clubs.

Guests

The Bristol County Law School has completed a four years course, and will not resume its sessions. Three of its members took the bar examination, and all of them passed. The Loyal Temperance Legion is still with us. Many other organizations have met with us for a single evening.

Courts of Law

The club is a part of the whole movement to better child life. He notes with essential pleasure the recent law which does not make a criminal of every child who does wrong. A child who throws a stone or even runs away from school is not a criminal. The new law makes all juveniles, delinquents and in its practical working, makes every court a juvenile court.

Federation

A Federation of Boys' Clubs has been formed with a strong corps of directors. At the head is the best advertiser of boys' clubs, Jacob A. Reis. I am the humblest member of the directors of the federation. There has been much relief given to me by the secretary of this organization, answering the numerous inquiries which have been sent to me regarding clubs and union.

Women's Union

We have had from the Women's Union cordial support in our work. The Working Girls' Club having been our guests for several years. We congratulate them on their efforts to get a new building, and wish them early success in their efforts. The girls need a building as well as the boys. The Boys' Club tries to keep everybody, and the success of any other or-

gamification rejoices our hearts. Our aim is to build up and lend a hand, and the House's Union has always had our best wishes and, where possible, our co-operation.

Spirit

During my absence of nine weeks I selected a jury of seven boys to try all cases of breaches of discipline among the older boys. The jury were not picked out for their gentleness and goodness, but because they were leaders - sometimes leaders in mischief. They were captains of the various basketball teams, football and dramatic club, and one or two on general principles - boys who were always near the centre of any disturbance that ever occurred. The best testimonial a club ever received when the jury reported - "no cases, no trials". The Club did a number of things successfully which under my direction had been miserable failures. I found too that not only the club spirit on the part of the boys, but that our directors had done something which was very wisely and well done.

The Club had more money in the treasury when I returned than when I left, notwithstanding the heavy demands upon the treasurer. The moral of all this is, not to do without a superintendent, but to develop the spirit which was evidently manifested when I was not there. It is not false modesty on my part to say that I have longed for just such an exhibition of club-spirit, as was manifested & successfully

believe that it is my duty to try and push forward the boys who will lead as well as they know how, and not seem to lead myself at all. There is nothing that would give me greater satisfaction than to know that this club will continue to grow bigger and better when I have no control of it. It is such a spirit I take up the work for the coming year with its added privileges and opportunities.

New Building

The contractor assured me that as far as they can see now, the new building will be covered in by November, and the gymnasium ready by January next. There are so many things to do now that it seems best for me to submit my plans for your approval at this time. We have never solicited men or boys to join our club. It seems probable now, from a business standpoint, that we ought to do so. We want 200 men at \$5 per year to join our new gymnasium. These men we need should be men who have an interest not only in what they can get out of the club, but an interest in the fellow who uses the club at night. These men will be "counsellors", and I am already assured of about 50 good men.

We want 500 boys at \$3 per year. Our present gym. accommodations are crowded with 75 to 100 boys. We can take the names of boys now, and give them the first chance in the new gymnasium. Twenty-five hundred dollars for memberships the first year would be doing well, but it is not all the revenue we expect to derive from the building.

We shall have some chance to have basketball games there, and an admission fee will be charged. The bowling alleys can be let to Church clubs, a demand we have for several years been unable to meet.

Fears

Fears of some good people have been expressed that we should hurt their work because ours would be of less cost and greater privileges. We do not mean to pull down any other organizations, build ourselves up. We are constructive and not destructive. If we can have our membership practically in hand before going into the new building, we can stop any exodus from other organizations. I have plans, not fully developed yet, that will strengthen, and not weaken the numerous Church clubs, by offering special privileges at a nominal fee to the clubs. My desire is to begin right, and grow and keep growing.

The future was never brighter. You have been very kind in the past, for which I cannot thank you sufficiently. My regret is that there are so many things in which I have not done the best that could have been done. My friends are many. Among boys they are as far apart as the Lyman School reformatory and Harvard college - and all the way between.

We miss from our family circle to-day Mrs. Brown. She was my friend.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Allen

Superintendent

Summer School

The seventh-season of the Boys' Club summer school opened on the morning of July 17 with the usual crush of boys and girls on whom the vacation had already begun to pall.

They found many strangers at the heads of the various departments, as our workers of previous years were so much appreciated by those people who could give more financially, that they were much sought for, and they readily accepted the offers made to them.

The departments and workers in them are as follows; Kindergarten - Miss Harriet Bennett, Miss Annie McHally; assistants Miss Vida Pearson, Miss Clarissa Buffinton, Miss Alberta Brownell, Miss Ella McKenna; Sewing, Miss Mabel E. Harris; domestic science, Miss Agnes McKenna; basketry, Miss Helena Murphy; manual training, Nathaniel Deubak; gymnasium Harold A. Boston; bowling, Michael Burke; Play ground, Albert Ward; paper clay, Miss Maybelle Manning.

On the whole, the work of this season was felt to be the most satisfactory yet, as we were able, not only to get the older boys and girls, but also to hold them to the end of the season.

As in previous years, the morning entertainments were given by the children, and much talent was developed from the young people, so ably assisted by Miss Clarissa Buffinton.

For the domestic section six small iron beds were bought. For these the girls made sheets, blankets, pillow cases, and

spreads. Every morning the beds were stripped for a proper airing and then made - two girls of each division being responsible for the proper care of one bed. While these girls were thus engaged, another division had charge of setting the table, for which the linen was made by the girls in the sewing department. So thoroughly did they enjoy this work, that all visitors agreed that the work should be extended, as we have hoped it might be, to include simple cooking, and the preparing of food for the sick in the home, a thing so little understood, where so greatly needed.

The boys under the guidance of Nathaniel Deubar did most creditable work in manual training. One incident told in an appended report was worth all the department cost to equip and to run.

In the play ground we were most fortunate in having the services of that most enthusiastic worker among boys, Albert Ward, who brought to this department much life and vigor, making it one of the most attractive spots to boys and girls alike.

Several of the boys who had been members of the school in past years, but who this year felt too old to be pupils but yet whose interest and love for the work was so great, came and helped the teachers in the various departments.

Much credit is due to the members of the Civic Club, who raised the greater part of the money needed to maintain the school, also to the Women's Union and Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Adams,

who so materially aided in making this good work possible.

The session was, as usual, for four weeks, with an average attendance of 220

so much encouragement is given by visitors that it is hoped even more people may find time to see the school in session next year.

In closing this report, the workers of the school join me in wishing to thank all persons who have helped by gift of money or of materials, or who have in any way made possible the carrying out of this work now so generally recognized as a necessity in our larger cities.

George H. Sweet

Principal Boys Club Summer School

Voted to accept these reports, and that they be copied in records of corporation. The next business was the election of Board of nine Directors for the ensuing year. Voted Mr Chew cast ballot for the present Board of Directors representing the voice of corporation viz.

George A. Chace

John D. Flint

James W. Bruce

C. L. Greene

Richard J. Thompson

Mrs Robert C. Davis

" Jefferson Borden

" James E. Osborne

Harriet H. Brayton

and they were declared elected

Voted, Mr Chew cast ballot for

Harriet H. Brayton
Secretary
and James H. Beebe
Treasurer
and they were declared elected to
their respective offices
Voted to adjourn
Harriet H. Brayton
Secretary

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River was held Sept. 17, 1907, at the Club rooms, at 4.30 P. M.

The President presiding.

The following call of meeting was read by the secretary.

Boys Club of Fall River.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, will be held at the Boys Club, Anawan Street, Monday, September, 17th 1907, at 4.30 P. M.

1st. To hear and act upon the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent
 2nd. To elect officers for the ensuing year.
 3rd. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Annual
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Harriet H. Brayton
Secretary

Fall River, September 10, 1907

This was followed by reading of records of previous meeting, which were approved, and ordered placed on file.

Annual Report of the Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer of the Boys Club of Fall River, for year ending Sept. 1, 1907.

Balance Sept. 1 '06	21.37	
Emergency Fund	1.06	1000.
Contributions	3353.	
Farm	880.06	
Building, fuel, bath, room, etc	1468.37	
Industrial Deficit	94.57	5812.68
Int. on Deposit, B. N. O. & D. & Tr. Co.	14.68	
		6884.05

Expenses.

Coal	\$	551.33
Supplies for building		628.44
Salaries, Supt. and janitors		2291.64
Gym. instructor &c.		692.
Farm		840.59
Water		147.46
Gas.		261.09
Elec. Lt.		186.01
Supplies for classes		75.56
Amusements		153.43
Insurance		117.66
Repairs		17.86
Postage		42.65-
Extra helpers		340.
Printing		28.75-
Express		6.24
Games		21.91
Instructors in classes		243.40
Telephone		23.33
Industrial Dept.		70.19
Entertainments		49.96
Lumber		9.
Traveling expenses of Supt.	25.	
Balance Sept. 1 '07.		6820.50
		1355-
		<u>6834.05-</u>

Respectfully submitted
James H. Pence Treas.

Annual Report of Superintendent.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:
The year just past has been one of quiet work with a fair measure of success. There were 1803 members of the club with an aggregate attendance of 52,123. There were 9,919 bowling; 9,958 in the gymnasium and 2761 in the

swimming pool; From all parts of the country we had 232 visitors. The feature which was emphasized most was that of manual training. We began soon after the close of the Summer school. Last year, continuing the class work which they had begun, with the same teachers and some of the same boys. There were 38 boys in the classes and they came 1884 times, which means that they had individual instruction two hours each time they came. The classes were sloyd, basket making and carpentry. We had a class for young men in penmanship, which strange as it may seem, proved more fascinating than basket ball to the captain of the M. C. D. Border team.

In all our doings the past year there has been an undercurrent of interest, of expectancy, of anticipation of good things to come from the use of our new buildings. We have all had the fever and the remedy must soon be applied or we shall die. Having the disease but, had myself, the rehearsals of the deeds of the past does not possess all the interest to me as does the larger openings of the future, beginning from today. We have been beating time and now we await your orders to "forward march"

Gymnasium.

The gymnasium classes have been full nearly all the season, and mostly with young men. There have been many basket ball games amongst our own boys and with other clubs out of the city. Our record of games won has been good. We had for the first time, an all round contest in athletics, with three medals for the three best men, gold silver and bronze. A special feature

of interest was the large number of men in our classes, who were candidates for the police and fire departments. Some of the men who received their training here, stood very high in the tests given by the examiners for the Civil Service Commission of the State. We have had one base ball team playing good games during the summer.

The Swimming Pool.

The pool is popular only during the warmer months of the summer, but the baths are in constant use during the whole year. We cannot keep a record of the number bathing exactly, but a low estimate would be more than 10,000. The use, by working men of our baths on some of the hot Saturday afternoons number forty.

Entertainments.

There have been numerous entertainments during the year. Vaudeville, dramas, comedies, moving pictures and an occasional talk have formed a part. Where the entertainers have been members of the club we have had the most appreciation shown by the audience.

Summer School.

This year we have had a five weeks session, one week longer than usual. It has been our best year. Mr. Sweet has had charge and he was ably assisted by a loyal band of teachers. The play ground was held in the school, and in care of Mr. Ward. The gymnasium was under Mr. Reynolds' direction, and Mr. Hart had care of the building. We furnished three men to assist, while Mr. Sweet

secured the funds to maintain the school and pay a very small sum for the service of the teachers. In this connection it may not be amiss to mention that all the school yards of the city, are now open play-grounds during the summer. And three of which we from a part, is soon to have a small park, due to Alderman Shea's persistent efforts. The Alderman is proud of having belonged to the Boys Club on Third Street, more than seventeen years ago.

The Farm.

Four parties of boys have been out there during the summer, about 60 in all. Base ball teams go out occasionally from the club to play the village boys. We did considerable planting during the spring and have done fairly well. Some wood has been sold off the place which has helped us very much financially. We have raised some chickens and sold some eggs. The boys in the carpentry classes have made many articles of use to the farm.

The Industrial Department.

The Industrial Department is nearly dead from being given it by general prosperity. The gain to date, has been very largely experience. With a dollar and a half man it may be possible to gain ten dollars, but a ten dollar man can hardly make a gain of a dollar and a half in the old clothes business in a week. We are down just now, but we'll jump up again, ready for another try, before the gong strikes ten.

Changes

As the city changes in its population, or do we in our membership. The new comers, hardly able to spell their own names, much less write it - are being taken in and assimilated. They imitate other boys, and often receive instruction from boys who have been in the club a very short time themselves. Example is what respects results with us. It is the example of our older boys we depend upon for success in our new club. Two years ago today you took the first step towards securing a club for older boys. The building is completed and we are ready for work. It is larger, more finely equipped, more beautiful, more costly than we had in mind at that time, but it's here - and what are we going to do about it?

First, I am going to thank you for taking the first step forward, if you had not moved and done your part we should be still talking about work for older boys. Next, I am thankful to Mr. Borden for his kindness in giving to us, to Fall River, to our boys, the first boys club in the world. I have many times thanked God for the wonderful way in which He has led us all these years, and today I feel very grateful to Him and hope we may be directed wisely in the use of this new great gift. What is to be our ideal and method of carrying on the club? It is impossible to label an ideal and make the label stick, but we will try to see in each boy a brother and a future fellow citizen. What he may become is what we shall strive to see and not what he is now. There is some good in

the worst of boys and it is our business to search for it until we find it, or better still, have the boy himself discover it. To improve the moral and social nature of boys" was declared to be our aim in 1892, it will still be our aim in 1907.

The method of club work is very simple. Our membership is divided into two classes. One class, limited to two hundred members, will come during the day. The other class, limited to 500 members, will come only in the evening. Each member will have a locker, the use of gymnasium, swimming pool, baths and social rooms. The fees are five dollars for day men and three dollars for night-men. The pool and billiards will have an extra charge of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per game or ten cents by the hour. The bowling alleys will have a charge of five cents per game. The restaurant or lunch room will be open to the public during the day. Members of the club will have a discount of twenty per cent over non-members. There seems to be an opportunity to extend a friendly hand to those who work in the mills near the club, and who spend their noon hours sitting on the street curbing or standing in door ways, smoking their pipes. We extend to them the privilege of our reading and smoking room. If they will, we should be very glad to have them bring their dinner pails and use the club as a lunch room. We want the club to grow and while there are many plans for the future, what we have must be first made to work smoothly. We can just mention them here in anticipation. There

are to be classes in manual training and along educational lines, designed to help the fellow who is ambitious but whose early education was neglected. A loan bureau, a loan society for helping a fellow who gets into a tight place occasionally, more especially the young married man.

There will be entertainments and lectures, and on holidays, like Thanksgiving and Christmas, a dinner for the boys who are away from their homes or have no home of their own.

The connecting link is the boys club on Anawan Street. It is the training school for the men's department. It will not only be used by school boys, but by boys who have never been in a club before. It will take the new boy, most of whom are awkward at first, and train him in the use of the gymnasium apparatus, so that when he has to mix in with older boys he will neither be self conscious nor a cause of laughter amongst them. The success of our whole work will depend on the quality of the work done amongst the younger boys. Realizing this you may be sure that our efforts for them will be greater and not less, than it has been during the past.

It would be very easy to perpetrate and tell you that it is possible to have a large membership and to make the men's department self-sustaining. We'll try.

Give us your confidence and support and there need be no fear of the results. We shall make mistakes. Kindly overlook them the first time but if we do it again - why just remind us of it. Looking back to our little rooms on Third

street, dingy and ill smelling, with its poor equipment, its untrained boys and untrained workers, we can appreciate our plant of today. I have no hesitation in saying that some of the boys we had in 1870 have made in character, as great a change as we have made in buildings. Today Mr. Borden asks us to agree that when we cease to use these buildings for the purpose of the boys club, they shall revert to his heirs. I hope you will agree to this proper and natural request. But let us keep the heirs waiting a long time, and if they see us doing well, perhaps they will be as generous as Mr. Borden has been and erect branches of the boys club in Flint-Village, Globe Village and Borden City.

We close our year with another vacant chair around our directors table. Mr. Flint was but little at our meetings in late years. In our early history he was active and generous. He saw the next building finished and in his will provided for continuing his annual contribution. Too much cannot be said for those who have cooperated together in the good of this boys club during the years past and I wish it were possible, if only for this hour, have our good friends, Mr. Buck, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Flint back again. The year is closed and a new year is before us. We are ready for the road to go forward. We are grateful for the kindness and help given us in the past. We make no urgent appeal for funds. Our friends will give as they have been prompted and as our work commends itself to them. We have more hope than fears. We have only one

motive and that is to do our boys good. To make the clean man and the upright citizen is our aim and will have our best endeavors to that end.

Thanking you, the contributors to the club, the press of our city, and to all who have given us a helping hand.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. Allen Trust.

Annual report of the Secretary.

The work of the club the past year, has not been hidden from the eyes of the public. The new building, Mr. W. C. D. Borden's unsolicited, noble gift to the Boys Club of Fall River, has been completed. All have observed it with pride, as they perceived its magnitude, and recognized its possibilities. Tamed ranches for self-improvement will be offered, to all members, and to older young men, whose ambition is to get the most from their environment. When the building is dedicated, with all it may have to offer, in the way of unrestricted advancement, in the life work of young men, it will mark another red letter day in the history of the club. The Superintendent's zeal, modesty, skillful suggestions and personal oversight, have in no small measure, brought together the parts that combine to make the new building, as well as the club a success. The directors have held 4 meetings the past year, marked by greater personal service for the good of the boys. The farm has held its own bravely, through tempest and sunshine, and is now making strides in a wise direction. The boys are in a wholesome way coming nearer to nature, and beginning to exercise their own hands in the world beside themselves.

The visit of the members of the vacation school to the club, although brief, was of great benefit to them, making cheerful, merry hearts during warm summer days. The Superintendent has received encouragement and stimulus from his visits to other clubs, and Boys Club Conferences during the year.

Our sorrow is missing today, the face of a fellow director, who has been with us since the organization of the Club 16 years.

In the death of Mr. Flint the club has lost a true friend & benefactor. His interest in the work never faltered. He was ambitious for the Club, and with his untired zeal and energy, gave of his time and strength for the good of the Boys. For every worker, both at the club and farm, the directors desire to express approval and gratitude, for their continued acceptable service. The response of the citizens, with generous contributions for the support of the Club is greatly appreciated. The Club closes the year, in thankfulness, and recognition of the guiding hand. Done all, through all, and in all.

Harriet H. Deaylin
Secretary

Voted to accept these reports, and that they be copied in records of incorporation. The next business was the election of Board of nine directors for the ensuing year.

Voted Mr. Chew cast ballot for

George A. Chase
 Dr. R. L. Thompson
 C. S. Green
 Edward L. Anthony
 Mrs. Jefferson Bond
 " James E. Osborne
 " Robert C. Davis
 James W. Bence

Miss H. H. Brayton
representing the voice of expropriation and
they were declared elected.

Voted Mr. Chew cast ballot for

Harriet H. Bean for Secretary
and James W. Senter for Treasurer.
and they were declared elected to their
respective offices.

Superintendent

Voted: That the directors be authorized to
accept the gift of Mr. Matthew C. D. Borden
to this corporation of the land and buildings
located upon Pocasset Street, in Fall River;
and that they cause the deed of the same to
be placed upon record with a declaration that
the land and buildings before conveyed to him
to this corporation are to be held with this
estate in trust for the purposes for which
it was incorporated, but to revert to his
heirs, or in failure thereof, to his heirs,
in case such purposes shall at any time
hereafter be abandoned.

Superintendent - Then read a letter from
Mr. M. C. D. Borden extending congratula-
tions on the completion of the new
building, and saying "I am sure
you will make good use of it."

Voted to adjourn

The seventeenth annual meeting of the
Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River
was held Sept. 21, 1908 at the Boys Club
Pocasset St. at 4.35 P. M.

The following call of Meeting was read by
the Secretary.

Boys Club of Fall River. Nineteenth Annual.
The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of
the Boys Club of Fall River, which was held
at the Boys Club, Board St. Fall River,
Sept. 21st 1908 at 4.30 P. M.

1st To hear and act upon reports of Secretary,
Treas. and Execut.

2nd To elect officers for ensuing year.

3rd To transact any other business that may
properly come before the meeting.

Harriet M. Deary
Secretary

Fall River Sept. 13th 1908.

This was followed by reading of records of
Annual previous meeting which was approved and
meeting ordered placed on file.

Sept. 21
1908

Annual Report of the Secretary.

Shadow and sunshine have crossed the
path of the Boys Club the past year.

The shadow was the death of our honored
President George A. Chase, during the
early days of the year.

Mr. Chase was one of the incorporators of this
Club. For thirteen years he was Vice-President,
and upon the death of Mr. E. A. Buck, our
first-President, he was chosen President,
which office he held for five years. He
who had worked with Mr. Chase since the
formation of the club, came in close touch,
with his noble spirit, finely wrought
character, and wide spread influence. He
was a true and generous friend of the Club,
always alert to call in behalf of the boys,
and their superintendent. We will cherish
his memory.

Mr. Chace son, Dr. Fennner A. Chase, was elected to take his father's place on the Board of Directors, and at a meeting held November 14th. Dr. Richard J. Thompson was chosen President. He had been a member of the Board five years, and in sympathy with the work many more.

In November the deed of the new building, given by Mr. M. C. D. Borden of New York was formally accepted by the Directors.

The sunshine, was the Dedication of this building. I should say two dedications, a formal and an informal one. The latter came in October, when the building was ready for occupancy, and the young men eager to be enrolled as members, but Judge Lindseys engagements prevented the formal dedication until later.

This was more of a dedication of the young men to noble purposes in life, and a re-dedication of Mr. Chen to the work (the new building meaning greater possibilities, and a wider outlook for future development). The young men in the building the evening of October 7th were gathered in a small lecture room, with the Directors. Prayer was offered by Dr. Adams - and the Superintendent spoke of growth in the broadest and highest sense of the word. That was all - but it was most impressive. A formal dedication was held February 18th to which 200 guests were invited, mostly contributors to the Club's work.

Dr. Thompson the President presided and introduced the speakers.

members of the Club was a wise solution of the problem. It may yet meet the needs pointed for by our Superintendent. The duties of Mr. Reynolds the Physical Instructor have been doubled the past winter. Mr. Reynolds has been appointed an assistant to the Superintendent.

His active service during Mr. Chen's vacation this summer proved him well qualified for the additional work. The Directors have held eight meetings the past year, with an average attendance of six.

Within the past few days, the Club has received from the estate of the late Mr. John D. Flint - 10 shares of Waumpanag Mill stock. The Club expresses its gratitude for the additional thought of one of its first contributors.

At the close of the year activities the Directors desire to express to their faithful workers, and instructors, true esteem for their courage, good will and untiring effort. They have helped to awaken fresh zeal in each member. For our

Superintendent, we can only ask that he may continue to point out to each member the highest step of the ladder, reached only by slow progress - step by step.

Rep. submitted.

Harriet H. Deane
Secretary

Annual Report of the Treasurer -

Report of the Treasurer of the Boys' Club of Fall River ending Sept. 1 -

oted: That pursuant
to and in furtherance
of the action taken at
the Annual meeting
of the Corporation, the
deed of Matthew C. D.
Boaden conveying to
the Boys Club the
land and buildings
located upon Pocasset
St. in this city, be
hereby accepted, & that
the President of the

Corporation be hereby
authorized and
directed to cause
this deed to be
placed upon record
with a declaration
duly executed by
him in behalf of
the corporation, that
the land and build-
ings before convey-
ed by Matthew C. D.,
Borden to the

Boys Club, are held
by it in trust
for the purposes
for which this
Club was incor-
porated, and are
to resort to his
devisees or in failure
devisees
thereof to his heirs
in case such
purposes shall at
any time hereafter

See a handwritten.

Richard J. Thompson.

Edward L. Anthony

James H. Denck.

Cornelius S. Greene.

Mrs. Jefferson Borden

" James E. Osborn.

" Robert C. Davis

Harriet H. Deighton

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1907.	\$381.35
Subscriptions	5152.00
Dividends on mill stock	45.00
Interest - B. M. C. D. S. Dep. Co.	11.76
Miscellaneous.	27.57
(Main Department)	
Fees, members	2,723.75
Bowling	5065.35
Pool.	1243.75
Billiards	104.25
Furnishings	
Baths	417.20
Fees, members	319.17
Use of rooms	176.15
Refrigerator	19.66
Cost of baskets	9.52
Total	15,694.18
Expenditures.	
Fees	\$906.78
Telephone	125.85
Postage	80.90
Express	2.44
Travels	273.75
Supplies, gas and electric	414.55
Supplies, gymnasium	69.10
Supplies, janitors etc.	437.07
Papers and Books	20.96
Lumber	97.86
Refrigerator, locker keys	9.75
Water	360.90
Furniture	349.70
Coal	786.65
Entertainment.	136.65
Printing.	56.10
Repairs	92.75
Insurance	7.60
Dedication	200.-
Miscellaneous.	26.87

Restaurant	317.81
Extra help	371.15-
Farm	205.62
Salaries, superintendent, assistant -	
superintendent, three janitors.	4516.00
Supplies (Gummers)	61.80
Salaries	1449.67
Penny bank	27.45-
Entertainment	152.75-
Repairs	23.90
Lumber	18.43
Express	4.20
Extra help	7.05-
Men's Department)	
Pin boys	2107.49
Salaries	1072.80
Supplies	418.67
Express	10.60
Total	15417.00
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1908	283.18
Total.	15694.18

Respectfully submitted
 James W Berce
 Treasurer -

Annual Report of Superintendent.

To the President, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The number of members in the boys department were 1820; aggregate attendance 58,750; bowling 8,158; in gymnasium 8,843; swimming pool 2,789; visitors 558; present in classes 215; deposits made in penny bank 60; amount deposited 27.55, amount withdrawn 27.35 - Balance 20.

The men's department cannot be reported correctly in numbers, for they come in and go out as often as they please.

We have had 500 night-members and 200 day members. All the lockers we have were in constant use. The membership fees were payable in installments and \$555.00 of \$2.50 to \$5.00 were received. The number of games bowled were 11,000. " " "

" of fund " 24,873 -
 The number of men in gymnasium night classes 11,568. The gymnasium instructor reports that there were four regular class nights with classes varying in size, but at times 125 boys were in one class. An exhibition was held on April 25th. Basket-ball games were begun on Thanksgiving eve and games were played each Saturday until March 28th. We celebrated the one hundred and twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a social and dance on Thanksgiving night. We have had large dances all winter and music was introduced in class drills, which the boys appreciate. We held hand ball tournaments, cross-country runs late in the spring, the boys running as far as Sandy Beach and Glad's Ferry Bridge. The average number in classes per week was 361. No record is kept of those who come in and use the gymnasium, day or night, unless they are in classes. The members have appreciated their privileges, judging from the way they have taken part in the gymnasium. I think the coming year will be better than the past one. The Boys Club has been growing until I think it is large enough, and you will not find me talking expansion of buildings, in this report. We are by necessity compelled to change our methods in the future and a brief review of the past will show you the reason why this should be done.

The original object of the club was to live

young boys from the street and places where they could get no good but often harm. to amuse, entertain and instruct them in the way of becoming better citizens, — and when they got to be about the working age, they were encouraged to join other clubs or societies and discouraged from coming to the boys club. But as the club grew, the other societies did not attract our boys as fast as we were through with them, and apparently our work would seem to have been done in working schools, we could carry it further along. The Paris Department meets the need, we have now 2,500 boys and girls were on our records in the past year. A small army and by no means all who come into these buildings, for there are several societies which meet here, some once each week, others monthly or fortnightly, not to speak of the children of the summer school, those who come to the ladies gymnastic classes and large number of those who come only for baths, of the latter all are working men and many of them foreigners who do not speak English. The hours during which the club is kept open have expanded considerably, originally it was from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. six days each week September 1st to May 31st. Now we have visitors from 7-30 a.m. and keep open until 10-30 p.m. all the year around. Sundays we have had a reading room open and a few clubs have held meetings of a social or educational character. on that day perhaps on an average there were 100 present each Sunday.

For seven years, the superintendent was also janitor, a door-keeper and librarian were the only other assistants

and they were employed evenings only.
 Now, and last year there were eight employees
 giving their whole time, including fire-boys,
 thirteen persons giving part of their evenings.
 There are four parents, three gymnasium
 instructors, one school teacher, one door-keeper
 and one librarian, one attendant in the
 bath room, one in the bowling alley,
 There are six fire boys, one engineer and
 one superintendent. - Twenty in all.

Mr. Reynolds is assistant-superintendent
 and physical director and Mr. Ward is in
 charge of the junior department. We have
 now as loyal and as well qualified club
 members as we have any right to expect,
 nearly all of whom have been trained in
 the club. Once I met every boy, over and
 over again, so many times that I knew
 them quite well, but times have changed
 and my work must be done through my
 fellow members. There will be two kinds of
 boys I shall touch personally, the extra lad
 boy and the boy who is superior in some
 way to his fellows. It is but rarely that
 authority to suspend a boy permanently, the
 boy who is climbing upward and making
 a success of life often comes to me for a
 commendation or advice, we encourage
 each other.

There is always one question asked after
 such statements, "Where is the money
 coming from to carry on the work and
 to advance it further along?" The present
 year has not been a good one for obtaining
 subscriptions. The falling off however has
 been confined to the smaller contributors
 of one or two dollars each, men who are
 employed in the mills. There were in

1891 about 300 subscribers now are 1923.57
an average of nearly four dollars each. The
subscribers in the past year number 783, or
about 200 less than in previous years.

There were as follows;—

7	Contributions of	\$200 each	\$1400.
3	"	" 100 "	300.
4	"	" 50 "	200
2	"	" 40 "	80.
1	"	" 43 "	43.
16	"	" 25 "	400.
2	"	" 20 "	40
5	"	" 15 "	75
31	"	" 10 "	310
1	"	" 6 "	6
12	"	" 5 "	60
1	"	" 3 "	3
177	"	" 2 "	354
267	"	" 1 "	267
58	"	" $\frac{1}{2}$ "	29
80	"	" $\frac{1}{4}$ "	20
1	"	" 1000 "	1000
783			\$5162.

Mr. Boudier's gift of one thousand dollars
was unsolicited and given for the purpose
of providing the club with an assistant
superintendent. We owe him our appreciative
thanks for insuring the men's department
and making extensive repairs on the junior
club. Robert C. Davis, Esq. has given the
club ten shares of the stock of the Arkwright
mill in the name of his father, the
late Hon. Robert C. Davis, from which we
have received in dividends \$45.00. Within
a few days we have received from the estate
of a former vice-president of the club,
Mr. John D. Flint, ten shares of the
Warranrag Mills, these 20 shares are all the

invested funds the club owns. Looking over the records of the past, three other persons besides the two already mentioned have left us by will \$200., \$92., and \$100. respectively, which has been used for running expenses. All of these persons gave annually to the club in sums of \$1.00, \$2.00, \$15.00, \$25.00 and \$50.00 respectively. I feel sure that there is not boy's club in the country or any organization in the city who have such a loyal and generous list of financial contributors as we have. There is only one way by which we can continue to keep their interest and support and that is to do as much work as we possibly can for the boys and young men of our city. In the common phrase of to-day, we must continue to "shake good."

We are to make a man stand forward to-day. He cannot keep still. He must continue to grow and expand. There is a call for men to go into work with boys which we cannot supply. We need more workers for ourselves. We shall have to train them. It is our ambition to develop some of our own boys and young men along this particular line. For the past ten years the aggregate attendance of our club for the younger boys has been, between fifty and sixty thousand boys annually. We cannot seem to reach more boys and could not care for them if we could. The starting of the men's department, although it took all the older boys away from us, has not decreased the membership or attendance. Nothing more can be done except to specialize in this club. We are doing it in this way. This group is

composed of boys too young to go into the gymnasium but who like to play games and read - they are put on the top floor, they pay five cents per month. The room is arranged as a model club room and can be well used for training men for boys club superintendents - either our own boys or men from other places. The second group is composed of boys who are in the gymnasium and classes they pay ten cents per month and their rooms are on the first and second floors. They are called "juniors". We do not have class work enough for all the boys and an extension of industrial work is proposed. The study class for instance have been always well filled, the boys regular in attendance and good work has been done especially the improved characters of the boys. Our study teacher is going to secure an assistant - and we wish one could have benches for twenty boys.

We plan to have chair-carving and cobbling as helpful class work for this winter. A band of scouts is contemplated and an effort will be made to have a good "First Aid to the Injured" class started, very soon. The third group are called seniors but are really ephorones. They are too big to play (kid) games and do not appreciate class work and have not sense enough to be trusted without rigid oversight. They are not fitted to enter the men's department until they have a little more sense knocked into them. Only time and experience can make a change for the better in this class of boys. Their privileges are games, Gymnasium and baths. They will be

transferred to the men's department on the recommendation of the physical instructor. If we call the eight members of the men's department "seniors" and the day workers "post-graduates" we have a fairly well defined and organized school. That is really what the work is, "to educate and develop the moral character of our members through play, and on these grounds we ought to make our appeal in a larger personal interest of our citizens, in a greater number of contributors and an endowment fund.

The most prominent events of the past year were the dedication of the men's department in February and Judge Lindsey's address. The anniversary celebrated by the junior boys club with a coffee party in the afternoon and a show in the evening with a total attendance of more than 1500 boys. The young men had an entertainment on Thanksgiving night and a dance, the first one in the history of the club.

The basket ball games drew large audiences and many good games were played.

Perhaps the only feature of our work which has not been a success is the restaurant but here we have not properly understood what was wanted.

We miss from our ranks today our good friend Mr. Stone, but we are going on in the way he would like to see the club going. Truly the boys club is not the result of one mind, or of one power, but the labor of love of all who work with us. We must next inspire our young men to go out and work for their younger brothers. If they would we have boys who

could go out and manage a club in every section of the city. These boys can speak the various languages spoken in our city and to that extent have an advantage over those of us who only speak English. This is to be the way we will expand in the future. - In sending out our workers, I wish we might have offers of empty stores or large rooms in different parts of the city. We must give out if we would continue to grow.

In the year gone by, we have done quite as well as could be reasonably expected. The promise for the future is brighter still. I thank you for your kind cooperation and encouragement and to all who have helped the Club by personal service, by gifts of books or games, to our generous contributors, to our daily papers for many favorable notices & we extend our heartfelt thanks. The past has been fruitful and prosperous but the best is yet to come.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Chew. Supt.

The Summer School.

The Boys Club summer school opened on Tuesday, July 14th and from the first moment was an interesting problem. In the absence of the principal, Mr. Siret, we were to deal with the largest attendance on record. We enrolled during the season of five weeks about 650 children in all departments. The opening day found us with about 525 children to be kept.

interested, and our first-thought was - could we do it? The great question was what to do with the boys. We had over 250 boys enrolled in the older department and they were ready to stay and behave if they were only interested. The question of keeping these boys in older departments was quickly settled by Mr. Albert Ward, who was in charge of the building during the absence of Mr. Chew. He took charge of the boys as they are cared for at the Sub and made it possible for us to keep the large number of children which we had during our entire season. He helped us in every way to arrange the boys in divisions and in suggesting ways of interesting them. He planned a day of sports, races and jumping at the playground for each week. And kept the boys wondering what would happen next. We feel greatly indebted to him. In his help was entirely unexpected and we do not care to think what we would have done without his help. We were able to care for this large attendance during the first week and after that the number became less each week, but we closed with 250 on August 12th. The playground of the Anawan School is an ideal spot for our use, and with the large sand pen, swings, tilts and running space we were able to keep many of the children happy there, for it was a cool, shady spot, and a good place to be during the hot mornings. We enrolled 155 girls in the older departments, and it was easy to care for them in the usual way with sewing classes, basketry, and the domestic science which is a great novelty to them, as they do not have this in school.

Here the girls were taught to make beds properly using dolls beds and bedding made by the children: to set a table properly, and serve things daintily, having a round table with damask cloth and dishes, knives, forks and spoons to set a very attractive table. One day they made tea and served it very daintily with lemon and cream to all the teachers. They learned to avoid boiled tea or that which has stood in hours. They made simple puddings, cooked eggs in several ways and made candy, fudge and peanut brittle, learning that they could make something better than penny candy. Their recipes were neatly written in small blank books and taken home.

Who can tell what good ideas were taken into homes where they were badly needed. Everyone was deeply impressed with the value of this work. The sewing was very interesting, as usual, and many useful things were made - bonnets and jackets for baby sisters, dainty muslin aprons and many useful and interesting things. They made many baskets, both the boys and the girls, and were allowed to carry them home. In the paper sloyd work it was surprising to see the many attractive things that were made from paper, all neat and accurate. Large waste baskets covered with wall paper and tied with ribbons were considered a great achievement and they were. And the sloyd carpentering was what all the boys wanted and only the chosen few could have. Many stayed, hoping against hope that they would be admitted to these classes, but

there was no room. There was only one teacher and room for 12 boys, and all were occupied. We are hoping that the kindly disposed will help us in this line. It is what the boys want and need. During the winter the boys of the club have the use of the benches, and the same teacher, Miss Fothergill instructs them. It is the same way there, only a few can have the lessons because of the few benches and only one teacher. He had certainly a fine collection of things made by these boys, which shows what they can do with only a few lessons. He used the gymnasiums, upper and lower rooms and the bowling alleys to their fullest extent for recreation for the boys, and only wished we had more work for them. He could have kept many hundreds if we had had something for them to do. Our policy was to give the largest number of children possible the benefit of the school, and we kept all that came. In the junior department we had 226 little ones from 2 until 9 years old the first morning, and had nearly 200 for many days. We kept them all busy and happy, and it was an attractive sight to see the large hall filled with the little ones. They made many attractive things. Our teachers were all fine, taking complete charge of their department and conducting everything for the best interest of the school. They and the children seemed unanimous in the idea that we had a fine time, and were eager for a longer session. We are convinced that the summer vacation is too long for the children who live in the street and the vacation school gives them just the pleasure, recreation

and uplift that they need. We are persevering in this work, our inspiration being the interest of the children, their great desire to come and the good will of the ladies of the Civic Club, Women's Union and many others who by their financial support and encouragement are enabling us to keep on, hoping for the time when the city will give to all its children the privilege of vacation schools.

Respectfully submitted
Harriet-P Bennett.

Acting Principal for 1908.

Voted to accept these reports and that they be copied in records of Corporation.

The next business was election of Board of nine directors for the ensuing year.

Voted Mr. Chew cast ballot for

Dr. Richard J. Thompson,

Edward L. Anthony

James W. Bence

C. S. Greene

Dr. Henry L. Chase

Mrs. Jefferson Borden

Mrs. James E. Brown

Mrs. Robert C. Davis

Miss Harriet H. Beayton.

representing the voice of the Corporation and that we declared elected.

Voted - Mr. Chew cast ballot for

Harriet H. Beayton Secretary.

and James W. Bence Treasurer.

and they were declared elected to their respective offices.

Voted to adjourn.

The annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, Mass. held Sept. 20, 1909 at 4.30 P. M. at the Boys Club, Crossed St. The following call of meeting was read by the Secretary

Boys' Club of Fall River. (Eighteenth)
 The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of
 the Boys' Club of Fall River, will be held at the
 Boys' Club, Pleasant Street, Monday, Sept. 20, 1909,
 at 4.30 P. M.

- 1st. To hear and act upon the reports of the
 Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent.
- 2nd. To elect officers for the ensuing year.
- 3rd. To transact any other business that may
 properly come before the meeting.

Harriet H. B. Sawyer
 Secretary

Fall River Sept. 13, 1909.

This was followed by reading of records of
 previous meetings, which were approved and
 ordered placed on file.

Annual
 meeting A brief report was read by the Secretary.
 Sept 20 (not recorded)
 1909

Annual Report of the Treasurer -

Report of the Treasurer of the Boys' Club
 of Fall River for year ending Sept. 1, 1909.

Sept. 1, 1908 Balance \$ 283.18

Income.

Subscriptions 4,760.50

Fees 2088.57

Building 6851.72

Farm 141.60

Dividends 85.11

Interest 1.52

Penny Bank 3.50

\$ 14253.73

Expenditures.

Salaries and labor \$ 6627.95

Bowling Alley - 3306.01

Coal	\$ 576.32
Fire	721.87
Water	376.24
Postage	85.54
Building supplies	315.53
Telephone	84.46
Advertising	40.40
Farm	126.18
Sundries	95.36
	<hr/> 13876.57

Balance on hand 377.16
 Exp. Submitted 14.253.73

James Dr. Dence Treasurer.

Annual Report of Superintendent.

All President, Ladies and Gentlemen,
 In our last annual report we presented facts and figures showing the growth of the Boys Club of Fall River. How we started with 120 boys and grew to a membership of 2500. How we were poorly equipped, stopping in rented rooms, and are now in our own, nicely equipped building, worth not less than a quarter of a million dollars. How we used to be open only two hours of the week day evening nine months of the year, and are now open from 7 in the morning until after 10 o'clock at night - week days, and for a large part of the year on Sunday afternoons. It is not in any spirit of boastfulness that we recount these things but in a spirit of thankfulness, first, to those who had the courage to start the club and maintain it; second, to those who have, without any voice in the management, of our affairs, contributed to our support. There is probably no other club which has had 874 subscribers in any one year, as we had last year. Of course, it goes without saying that we appreciate Mr. Borden's gift, and wish would not have

amounted to much without his generosity, but it
 will require the continuance of the same spirit-
 of willingness to serve and the same generous
 giving to maintain our work efficiently in the
 future. Before the next annual meeting
 comes around, this Boys Club of ours will have
 become a man, - as we enter upon our 24th
 year in February, 1910. Our club has developed
 much as a boy develops. The first seven
 years was a childish growth in which play
 of an individual and selfish type was the
 outward sign of our work. The second period
 of seven years was more altruistic; we had
 developed in size, in mind and heart,
 and were willing to co-operate with others.
 It was during this period that the
 summer school was started and that,
 at various times, during the day and
 evening, other less intimate but more
 organizations were shared of our building.
 The older boys were first tolerated and
 then grew so rapidly in numbers that they
 threatened to push out the smaller boys,
 but during the third period the new
 building was developed and occupied.
 The events of this period are so recent
 that a few words here will suffice for
 record. This boy of ours during the basket-ball
 craze developed his arms faster than the
 rest of his body. His great the running
 craze has been on and our boy has devel-
 oped his legs untidily. He had 24 cups, besides
 a number of watches, rings and medals
 he has won in open competition during the
 summer.

He can very properly look backward and ask
 ourselves if the education and training
 of this boy has fitted him for a man's work?

Physically, little needs to be desired, Mentally he is behind the times. What he knows is practical and easily applied. He is more interested in his brawn than his brain. The demand of our city police force and fire department is for strong, active men who have a strong constitution and are not afraid, some how or other many of our members get into these departments. Thirty-two of our men took the civil service physical examination for these positions last year. We expect to have more next year. Obligations have come upon this young man during his career. The General Alliance of Workers with Boys received an impetus from the conference held with them during the year 1960, that has helped it to grow and extend its power for good. The magazine "Work With Boys" one of the best for those who are working with boys, is mailed from this club to all parts of the country and the world. One very recent and indicative sign of the times is that several copies are mailed to missionaries in foreign lands.

We have with us to-day Mr. Harrison, the new executive secretary of the Federated Boys Club, with whom your superintendent is associated in furthering the best interests of established boys clubs and starting new clubs where desired and needed. Our hospitality and helpfulness to conferences and individuals have brought us many friends and left us richer and not poorer. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" and we have given our best service to all freely. Honored abroad, our young men have not been commensurate of them at home. The American

Playground Association, the Massachusetts In-
 stitute for the Blind have had exhibitions in
 our building this year. A week's lectures in
 the cause of anti-tuberculosis were delivered in
 our hall, and attended by thousands of people. Two
 Hebrew benevolent societies, the French Brigade, a
 military organization, two choral societies, a debating
 society, a young men's literary society, the latter
 carries on monthly meetings, the weekly meetings
 of the Loyal Temperance Legion, the sessions
 of the Bristol County Law school, the reading
 of stories to mothers under the direction of the
 Kindergarten teachers, lectures in foreign
 languages in the interest of social and
 charitable objects, have met with us and
 been a part of our club life the past year.
 Many others have been turned away for lack
 of room. This kind of service does not appear
 in our statistics. Does it not show how
 the breadth and helpfulness of the club and
 the great need of us as a center for social
 service? We are in touch with the young
 men and boys who are trying to help themselves.
 He may well ask today what is the spirit
 and motive of this young man's work? He
 desires to become the friend of every poor,
 unfortunate boy or young man. To give him
 those pleasant social relations which his
 environment cannot furnish. The club is
 not a substitute for the home, but for the
 streets, the dives and worse places. The fellow
 who comes here, if down, will be given a chance
 to get up. The club does not pretend to do the
 work of the church, the school or the home,
 but co-operates with each of them. The club
 is a religious institution in that it
 recognizes the brotherhood of all kinds of
 men. Its field is the 8000 boys between

the ages of 7 and 14 years, the 7000 young
 men between the ages of 14 and 21 years
 in this city. For boy or young man is en-
 couraged to join either club. They are, in
 exceptional and rare instances, avoided
 to join. For can always the blame of
 the club does not have a good membership,
 it is the fault of the management.
 The club is designed to attract the boys
 and when they do not come in, the
 attractiveness of the club must be lowered.
 The club should so aim to carry on its work
 that the boys cannot and will not stay
 away. The price of membership is nothing
 comparatively - five cents per month for
 boys and less than one cent per day for
 young men. And those who do not have
 the money will be given an opportunity
 to earn it. It is not an act of charity
 to pay a boy's membership fee into the
 Boys Club - it is next door to a crime. If
 by any misfortune a man or a boy finds
 on joining the club that he has made a
 mistake his fee will be returned. It is
 the boy and not his money we desire.
 The aggregate attendance to date is over
 750,000 boys. In the matter of money it
 is always best to be frank about it. We
 are and have been grateful recipients
 of the public's generosity. We thank all
 who have ever helped us. We have never
 had a fair or entertainment of any kind
 for current expenses. No one is ever solicited
 personally. They give or not as they feel
 disposed. But the time has come when
 we must have more or larger contributions,
 or curtail the work. We are not now in a
 position where we can mislead and wish some

hope of success appeal for an endowment?
 We have not and never have had any one person
 who was able and willing to pull us out of our
 financial holes. We have tried to avoid the con-
 vention. In boys club work a financial debt is a
 sin. Our case is not hopeless and it may
 be a sign of impatience on my part to broach
 the subject - at all. As you know we have already
 \$2,000 in invested funds. We are informed
 through the daily papers that a friend who
 has passed on has left us out of a comparatively
 small estate, the sum of a \$1,000. The
 impressive thing to me is that he made
 this gift - in 1897, 12 years ago when we were
 only a struggling institution. The gifts of
 our friends are always acceptable, but we
 would like to be able to thank the donors

Junior Club.

Number of members 1583: attendance 50,894
 banking 8384. gymnasion 10,187: visitors 835.
 classes, members 171: classes 635:
 employment found for 5: accounts opened
 in Penny Bank 11: Deposits made 25.
 amount deposited \$4.50. amount withdrawn
 \$1.95.

The Junior Club has done very well con-
 sidering. The shows we have had in the
 past were powerful drawing cards, but
 the state police have put such a rigid
 construction upon the laws for fire protection
 that we have been compelled to abandon all
 kinds of shows. When we are financially able
 we ought to equip our stage and hall to con-
 form to the requirements of the law. The
 love of dramatics is a large part of the small
 boy. The boy turned from shows to the
 gymnasion. We made a special feature of
 that work, having indoor baseball and

athletic contests, with what success may be judged from the fact that one out of every five boys spent their time in the gymnasium. Out of the older boys gymnasium class of 33, 16 joined the men's department not less than two thirds of the night members of the Senior club and one member of the Junior club. A young man accosted me on the street, a little while ago, I said "Hello, where did you come from?" "Chicago, I've got a good job and this is my first visit home in three years." "I met another of your boys on the train" he said, And I asked where he was coming from? "Minneapolis". Only last week a young man said to me "One of our boys is coming back to the city to practice medicine and surgery. The great thing about that is not that we need more doctors in Fall River, but that my boy, your boy, has struggled upward, through suffering and trial, and has won. He is only one of the many."

A new class in industrial work was started this year, under the care of Russ Clarkson. The class is already well increased, two benches were added. If we enlarge next season we shall have to take a larger room. This class is deservedly popular, and will be very helpful to boys who can go through our high school technical course. I am becoming more and more impressed that what our boys learn in the club is of value in their life, whether it be in morals, — yes, mentally or industrially. We have had many good social times, during the year, at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Anniversary.

One especially interesting new feature has

been done by our lady directors taking each a month in turn. About 1000 birthday cards were sent out, and we have had many surprised and pleased boys asking who sent the cards.

We have had the farm open this year. A total of ninety-three boys were there during the first week it was open. One new and very exciting event occurred during their stay. The next farm house to us was on fire, and the boys were the first on the spot. It soon became evident that the house and farm were doomed, and the boys took out all the furniture they could carry to a safe place. The farmer and his wife were away and did not return until after their home was destroyed. I have been assured since that the work of the boys was of considerable value and was appreciated. The boy who wrote me the best letter about the fire and the part the boys took in it was given a prize, an extra week at the farm.

The Senior Club.

A large part of the report is indirectly given by the treasurer. You can readily see how many bowlers we have had at five cents per game, and pool at four games for five cents, billiard thirty cents per hour.

In the gymnasium classes we had from Sept. 6, 1908 to March 31, 1909 3127. An average of 312 per week. The largest attendance was 120, in a single night, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1909. We had our exhibition and dance, Feb. 4, 1909, and it was a success. This has been the

best year in interest and regularity of attendance. These figures refer only to classes. The gymnasium is open all day and all the year through, for individual exercise. The baths are always open, and we have had a fairly successful class in electricity during the winter. We now have 541 lockers in use out of 700. Looking over the clubs as a whole, from a statistical point of view, there is a large falling off compared with last year. Last year had a boom with certain unhealthy experiences. This year there has been a reaction with certain healthy indications. Our boys and young men are those who had had trip club training largely. We have now a chance to grow slowly but surely. The most encouraging thing is that we are adjusted. Our income meets our expenditures. For me it is one of the greatest reliefs, as I cannot work unless we can pay as we go.

If our income will warrant the expenditure we would like to equip the basement of the Junior Club as an indoor playground. The apparatus could be used by the summer school out-of-doors during the summer. The summer school report is not at hand, but I know it was very successful, and had a large number of children in attendance.

You realize that many important things have not been mentioned! They are as important as the things we have referred to. This Trip Club of ours is not a small thing. Considering the changed and changing character of our population

it is the most important social center in the city. We have not done badly in the past; we may do better in the future. We are well trained and are ready for another year's race. It is for you to give the words: "Ready, Set, Go."

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Chew. Supt.

Voted to accept these reports and that they be copied in records of Corporation. The next business was election of Board of nine directors for the ensuing year.

Voted Mr. Chew cast ballot for

Dr. Richard J. Thompson President.

Edward L. Anthony Vice-president

Miss Harriet H. Brayton Directors -

Dr. R. J. Thompson "

Edward L. Anthony "

James W. Bence "

C. S. Greene. "

Dr. Fennell A. Chase "

Mrs. James E. Astor "

Mrs. Jefferson Briden "

Mrs. Robert C. Davis. "

representing the voice of the Corporation,

and they were declared elected.

Voted Mr. Chew cast ballot for

Harriet H. Brayton Secretary

and James W. Bence Treasurer.

and they were declared elected to their respective offices.

Voted to adjourn.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River was held, Sept. 19, 1910, at 4.30 P. M. at the Boys Club, Arawan St. (Monday.) The following call

of meeting was read by the Secretary.

Boys Club of Fall River.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, will be held at the Boys Club, Arawan Street, Monday, September 19th, 1910, at 4.30. P. M.

1st. To hear and act upon the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent.
 2nd. To select officers for the ensuing year.
 3rd. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Harriet H. Drayton
 Secretary.

Fall River. Sept. 18th, 1910

This was followed by reading records of previous meeting which were approved and ordered placed on file.

Annual statement of the Secretary.

On the first day of February next the Boys Club of Fall River will celebrate its 21st. Birth Day. Starting in two rooms on Third Street, with small prospect of expansion, it has gradually grown into the fine club house on Arawan Street, through the generosity of Mr. M. C. D. Borden, who within the past two years, has added the handsome new building adjoining, for senior members and young men. The Boys Club makes the refining influence of the home, for such it is. Developing the minds and bodies of the youth of all nationalities, who come within its walls, for the moulding out of

good citizens. During these 20 years the
 gifts of the club have been greatly prized.
 The farm from the late Mr. George H. Dean,
 at Assonet, has enabled the work to continue
 through each month of the year, and many
 boys has been under home influence,
 which could not have been brought about
 in any other way. Certain legacies
 have been of great assistance in the
 work. The vacation school has had its
 home in our building about ten years,
 to the mutual advantage of all parties.
 Many classes begin to the work of our
 members, have spent their initiatory year
 in the building. Few organizations have
 been called to part, by death, with one
 such valued and estimable officer as
 was ours: Rev. Edwin A. Buck and
 George A. Chase, presidents; John D. Flint,
 vice president and Mrs. L. B. French
 and Mrs. Edward H. B. Bronsdrieston.
 Rev. Percy L. Grant and Mr. William
 O. Atwater, also districts removed to
 New York. Through these two decades,
 Mr. Chen has stood at the helm. The
 club has passed through many a
 storm, but his courage never failed,
 and he is the Boys' club. When the
 Boys' club is mentioned, our thoughts
 turn, not to the edifice or work, but to
 our honored superintendent, whose
 method and government, are noted
 by the highest authorities in the country
 out of the lines, coming under his super-
 vision, at a tender unrestricted age. He
 has extended a hand to each and every
 one, and encouragement and advice
 have been given freely to the individuals

coming under the shelter of the club. For
 all the co-operators in the work, the
 directors are grateful; their timely as-
 sistance and unflinching energy
 have been of great value these many
 years. During the past year the direc-
 tors have held three meetings, with an
 average attendance of seven. It was an
 experiment to have general meetings with
 hope of better attendance and more work
 to be brought before them. A multitude of
 minute details have been crowded into
 all these years. The city has grown, the
 work has extended with such rapidity
 that it is with a pardonable pride we
 recall the humble beginning. Boys are
 in Fall River today as in the old
 Third Street days. Shall we not work
 for them, and with them? As the years
 come and go we shall be rewarded by
 seeing our boys, members of the Fall
 River Boys Club, taking their places
 in the world. Does it pay? It is a
 question we must not stop to ask,
 but push on. For all friends of boys,
 the club asks not to be forgotten
 or overlooked. The club must be
 supported and by our citizens, who
 breathe the same atmosphere as the
 members, who walk the same streets
 and who make the laws which in a
 few years will be upheld by the
 boys of today. These citizens must
 act in a cause that so closely con-
 cerns them, and through them
 the country at large. Our generous
 benefactor has been the sympathetic
 hand held out to start the onward

movement, but it remains for those who have the welfare of boys at heart to carry on the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren H. Brainerd
Secretary
Annual Report of the Treasurer.

The report of the treasurer of the Boys' Club of Fall River for year ending Sept. 1, 1910.

Balance Sept. 1, 1910.	377.14
Subscriptions	4402.13
Fees, Seniors \$1,588.30	
Juniors 237.37	1,847.87
Pool, billiard and bowling (net)	3,676.01
Baths	477.63
Tonels	102.61
Use of rooms and gymnasium	124.75
Basket ball games	43.17
Restaurant	20.14
Permanence earnings bank	7.72
Weekly and monthly paper sold	242.62
Interest on deposits	8.77
Dividends on mill stock	100.
Legacy William L. Winslow	1000.00
	812,432.81

Expenses.

Salaries	\$ 6634.90
Coal	787.54
Gas	625.38
Water	379.00
Postage	127.35
Bowling alley supplies	67.25
Pool, rent of tables and repairs	267.87
Gymnasium, supplies and repairs	387.07
Tonels	87.00
Building supplies	158.50
Building repairs.	379.40

Board class supplies	\$ 7.20
Printing	14 2.35
Telephone	10 2.45-
Locker keys	63.50
Office supplies	66.47
Newspapers	15.24
Boiled inspection	20.88
Federated Boys Club, fee	2.00
Entertainments	34.63-
Express	4.25-
Shaves	36.27
Insurance	17.43
Perry Bank, with draw	5.85-
Bus	17.54
Farm, outings for boys	107.13
Anniversary celebration	99.47
Restaurant	14.71
Supplies for Junior Club	175.70
New hot water heater	300.00
	<u>\$ 11243.83</u>

Balance B. M. C. D. S. D. & T. Co.	188.78
Total	<u>11432.81</u>
Legacy William L. Weistro	<u>1.00</u>
	<u>\$ 12,432.81</u>

Endowment Fund.	\$
W. L. Weistro fund	1075.00
10 shares Wampabay mills	1020.00
10 shares Arkwright mills	950.00
	<u>\$ 2970.00</u>

Annual Report of Superintendent.

Superintendent Thomas then presented his annual report as follows.

The time has gone by so fast the past year, that we hardly realize it is over. Last year we ended our report with the figure that we were on the mark.

ready for the race, and only waiting for the
 word "go". To look back on that race, an ac-
 count of which we present today, it seems
 as though it were only a hundred yards
 dash, any way. A young man came into
 the office the other day and asked me
 to sign a voucher for him, as he wished
 to take a civil service examination.
 "How long have I known you?" Enquired
 the club man on Third Street, about
 twenty years ago" he replied. Last Friday
 a wedding invitation came to me from
 Winnipeg, Manitoba, from one of our boys
 who used to belong to the club on Arman
 Street. It is hard to be reminded of the
 flight of time as quickly as it was done
 to me last week. A boy now joining
 the Junior club, I noted his name,
 age, and where he lived. The same
 name, the same street, the same ad-
 dress of a boy had joined the club twenty
 years ago. It was a son of the first
 boy. A young fellow who had been
 absent from the city a long time came
 to the club and said: "Are you Mr.
 Chen? "Sure" "Why, I had been think-
 ing all along my trip home, that when
 I went down to the club, and if
 you were still there, I should see an
 old crdzer". This blunt remark made
 me feel as though I was living up
 to expectations. But men grow old
 faster than institutions. The club
 is in its prime now and never
 better equipped, more generously
 supported, better understood and
 more sympathetically managed than
 it is today. Last year's report showed

How the club has developed and broad-
 ened out during 20 years. Today I want
 briefly to show the changes in the
 nationalities of the boys and young
 men we have with us compared to
 those we had 10 or 20 years ago. At first
 it was only Irish, English and Scotch
 boys, but they in a large degree have
 gone away and there are no boys of
 the nationalities coming to replace them.
 We have a number of boys on the junior
 side who have been members of the
 club for the past three years. We have
 a good proportion of old members
 in the men's department, some
 have been here since the opening
 three years ago. These two groups of
 boys and young men are the backbone
 which carries the whole thing. They
 are the salt, the examples, the
 leaders, who create and maintain
 the club spirit - without them
 the building and officers would
 be of little use. Between the son
 of a former member, who joined
 last week, and the old member
 who joined our twenty years ago, and
 still holds on, we have a great many
 strangers and foreigners, in more
 senses than one. They are strangers
 to our ways and we to their ways.
 Perhaps we have more than a dozen
 different nationalities on our books. How to
 assimilate them and make them good
 members of the club and good citizens is our
 perplexing problem. It is not much different
 from that of the manufacturers and business
 men, the merchant and educators, but

ours in a sense is as important as any. We work on the social side and have to do with the leisure of the boys. How and where the boys spend their spare time is of much concern to all the interests of the city. We try to help the boys physically so that they may become better workmen. We encourage the boys to work so that they may have money to pay their way. Clean work and clean play help to make fewer vagrants and loafers, more decent citizens morally and physically, and otherwise helps us, if we do not help himself directly, does indirectly. We are bound together, rich and poor, sick and well, foreign and native born, and the helping of one another is what will make our city "boom up" in the best way. The problem is vast and there should not be any hesitation on the part of our different charitable organizations to plunge in. There is work for us all. In our city there are probably 24,000 boys and young men from seven to 28 years of age, in school and factories, and we only touch about one tenth - Where are the other nine tenths?

Financially.

The past year has been a good one for us. The credit belongs to the finance committee. Their success in inducing new men and women to give has been remarkable. We have not had to call upon Mr. Boden this year. For the past two years he has given us a thousand dollars, once for assistant superintendents' salary and once for current expenses. But without solicitation

this year he has insured the buildings, made extensive repairs on the Junior club, which probably cost him double what he gave last year. From my observation of the way other men here who have started enterprises of a similar kind to ours, Mr. Bodine's method comes nearest to my ideal. Some men give in such a way as to discourage local interests. Others give too lavishly and encourage waste and lack of appreciation. Many valuable welfare buildings are idle and unused today because the donors do too much and the local workers too little. "Equal burdens break our backs" applies to institutions and finances as well as to manual labor. The club is the most important part of our work and with it we are able to keep a good record of its activities. We had last year 1583 members, with an aggregate attendance of 40804; bowling games, 8384; in gymnasium, 10,187; visitors 335. In the elocution classes, 661 was the total number present, and 1322 hours of instruction was given; story telling for the smaller boys had 141 present. Five boys were assisted in finding work; 11 new men accounts were opened in Perry Park. 25 deposits made; \$5.85 was withdrawn, and a balance of \$1.87 remains. The kind of boys are much the same. The social and family conditions do not improve. Out of 11 boys taken into the club one evening last week, four were motherless, two fatherless, and one had neither father

nor mother. Six boys, imperfectly protected and
 provided for in the most important place
 - the home. So long as we can reach out to
 the poor, unprotected and neglected boys
 of our city we shall be successful and
 have all work worth supporting. The boys
 have had many shows and entertain-
 ments; athletic contests and basket ball
 games. The anniversary is the great
 event of the year and the last one was
 as good, if not better, than those which
 had gone before. The men's department
 has 625 members today and new
 members coming in steadily. On
 account of the stopping of the mills,
 a great many of our members quit
 during the winter, unable to meet
 their payments & coming from the
 city. The men's department concerns
 much of the work done in the junior
 club. It ought not to and does not,
 except in a few isolated cases, draw
 from their organizations. It is largely
 self-sustaining and in large measure
 there is a growing appreciation and
 respect for the club. The opening of
 the year at hand promises very well
 indeed. Many people have little idea
 of the many ways the club is used
 besides its work for boys and young
 men. The Loyal Temperance Legion,
 the Fall River Evening Law school, the
 French Guards, the Letter Carriers, the
 post office clerk's convention, the Boys
 Republic, a good government associa-
 tion, the No-License League, the Anti-
 Tuberculosis society, the Peddlers asso-
 ciation, the Artist Ring, a mother's

meetings and story telling held by the
 Kindergarten Teachers' association, a
 business college rehearsing a play,
 chorus and quartet rehearsals, a girls'
 charitable society, girls' basket-ball games,
 and not least by any means the
 Massachusetts Society for the Prevention
 of Cruelty to Children and others, have
 found willing co-operation from us the
 past year. Some only once, others regu-
 larly, monthly, weekly or daily. In close
 connection with this form of service is
 that of leading a helping hand to others.
 The Boys Republic at Glens Village,
 the Community House at Borensville
 and with the Deaconesses on Second
 street. Our boys went to Taunton and
 gave an entertainment to the members
 of the Taunton Boys club. Several talks
 on Boys club work has been given by
 your superintendent, nearly always to
 men's club. The boys club idea is adap-
 table to small group of boys as well as to
 large numbers and it is being adopted
 in many communities, but nowhere
 is it growing faster than in Fall River.
 The citizens of Flint Village tell me
 that they need a club in that section
 of the City. We have a great many visitors
 who come here for a special purpose.
 One day last week we had visitors
 from New Haven Conn. from New York
 City, Philadelphia Pa. and London Eng-
 land. The young man from Connect-
 icut was just taking up boys club
 work and wished to learn how we
 conducted our gymnasium classes.
 The visitor from Philadelphia Pa.

was a woman, a student of social work, and was well informed on boys' clubs, but she frankly confessed that our club was by far the best she had ever seen. Perhaps 250 of the 335 visitors we had last year were from outside of the city and State. We even had a visitor from Korea. If I should attempt to tell you of the correspondence we have, this report would be too long, but it comes from fathers and mothers about individual boys; from public and Sunday school teachers about methods for group or class work; from clubs for constitutions and by-laws. Even an architect sent in his blueprints of a contemplated boys' club building asking for criticisms and suggestions.

Summer School

The Summer School, which has been as usual under the direction of George H. Sweet, has been an unqualified success. Many boys and girls and little children in the Kindergarten were taught useful lessons and made happy. So large was the crowd that it was necessary to have an overflow into the men's department. There were classes in elocution, domestic science, basketry, clay modeling, paper elocution and play ground, gymnasium classes and others. Mr. Sweet also helped to start a summer school in connection with The Boys' Republic at Globe Village, which proved a marked success. Since the public school officials have opened three summer schools this season, and found them useful and successful, it is to be hoped

that next year they will increase the number and establish one for the children who have been coming to the Boy's club.

We started the summer school in a small way several years ago, but since the first year, the Girl Club and Women's Union have furnished most, if not all the money for carrying on the work. Our part has been to give the use of the building and furnish two attendants for the janitor and playground work. The hearty co-operation of Mr. Sweet and his loyal corps of teachers, the Girl Club, and the Women's Union, have made the school through all these years a benefit to the neighborhood and a blessing to the children. I am thinking we and our appreciated co-workers have achieved our aim in that the educational authorities have introduced this work into the schools. We cannot hope to compete with the public treasury. A larger compensation which the school authorities pay will very likely cause us to lose our teachers, who up to this time have been volunteers, or paid only a nominal sum. The school authorities should have assumed this work long ago, but for this small beginning let us be devoutly thankful. When our municipal and school officials open up the school houses in the congested districts, as social centers for boys club and girls clubs, for story telling, for mothers and fathers clubs, for plain everyday citizens, they will have done more to develop civil pride

than all the "elegans" in existence.

The Farm.

There were 120 boys out to the farm this year for a week each. Twenty-two boys from the Boys' Republic were out for a day. Several baseball teams from the club came out during the summer and played with the boys of the village. We always entertained them. Occasionally a couple of boys would drop in for dinner or supper, renewing old acquaintances among the boys. The superintendent of the Junction Boys' club brought a few of his boys over and were so pleased with the place that we have agreed to join forces next year. He will furnish tents, which will add variety and novelty to our camp and double our capacity for caring for boys. It will add too, a friendly rivalry which is desirable. We have had all kinds of boys this season; white and black, good and bad, sick and healthy, learned and unlearned, but seeing them together you could not tell the good from the bad, nor the black from the white, before bathing. And at meal times all seemed to have a good education. "Baked Beans" was shredded wheat biscuit, "shavings" was roast chestnuts, and "baked beans" were bullets, and like Oliver Twist they asked for more. Games were played indoors of an evening and were a pleasant part of the farm life. We were especially favored by finding a new swimming place this year. Mr. Jantos very kindly allowed us to pass over his farm to the shore, a privilege we very much appreciated. The boys often

went to the village, and stopped in at
 the library and the librarian very
 kindly said that "they were the best
 boys she had ever brought out to the
 farm." A good word goes a long way
 with the boys, and I think they
 appreciate it. Mr. Reynolds got
 with us a good deal and he went
 with the boys on tramps to the fall
 games and in swimming. The
 Massachusetts Agricultural college
 has given us helpful advice and
 sent us some seed corn and has
 made us a member of the
 Massachusetts Corn Club. In con-
 clusion let me say that the club
 is not perfect. It has not reached
 very ideal. These are things which
 annoy and sicken me. If I had
 not seen the wildest and most
 reckless boys turn into decent chaps,
 it would be my duty to advise you
 to give up the link. It is a slow
 process and is a matter of education.
 The older the boy the slower the process.
 We have, after three years, made ends
 meet in the income and expense
 account, which in these days is a
 feat for which we render thanks
 to our good friends. If we are favored
 as generously next year, there are
 many such plans we can put into
 operation, as it is only the need
 of money which has kept us back.
 We express our thanks to our contrib-
 utors, to our fellow members, to the
 daily papers, to those who have kindly
 sent in games and magazines, and

to many for personal service. I wish to thank the Directors for their hearty co-operation, without which so much that was worth while could not have been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Chen

Superintendent.

Voted to accept these reports and that they be copied in records of Corporation. The next business was election of Board of nine Directors for the ensuing year.

Voted Mr. Chen cast ballot for

Dr. Richard J. Thompson

Edward L. Anthony

James W. Bence &

C. S. Greene

Dr. Fennell R. Chase

Mrs. James C. Catron

Mrs. Jefferson Borden

Mrs. Robert C. Davis

Harriet H. Brayton.

and they were declared elected.

Voted Mr. Chen cast ballot for

Harriet H. Brayton Secretary, and

James W. Bence Treasurer, and

they were declared elected to their

respective offices. Mr. Lynch of the

Federation of Boys' Clubs was intro-

duced and gave many interesting facts

regarding Boys' Clubs for Boys.

Voted to adjourn & Harriet H. Brayton

At a subsequent meeting of Directors

Dr. Richard J. Thompson was

chosen President. &

Edward L. Anthony

Vice President.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, was held at the Boys Club, Pocasset Street, Monday, September 18th, 1911, at 4.30 P.M. The following call of meeting was read by the Secretary:

Boys Club of Fall River.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, will be held at the Boys Club, Pocasset Street, Monday, September, 18th, 1911, at 4.30 P.M.

Annual Meeting Sept. 18th 1911.

1st. To hear and act upon the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent.

2nd. To elect officers for the ensuing year.

3rd. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Harriet O. Bryant
Secretary.

Fall River, September 11, 1911.

This was followed by reading records of previous meeting, which were approved and ordered placed on file.

Annual report of Treasurer

Balance \$188.98

Subscription \$4133.70

" Special fund 512.49

Fees Total	\$1,610.34
Pool, Billiards	3016.92
Bath and towels	614.77
Use of building	143.45
Drummonds and Intuit	\$62.14
Deposits Penny Savings Bank	130.67
Candy Machine	41.42
Miscellaneous	6.95
Legacy Mary Ann Boden	
Deposited in Minn. L. Bank	1000.
	\$11,461.83

Salaries	\$6552.00
Coal	1246.48
Water	403.13
Postage	99.61
Borrowing alley, supplies and repairs	106.45
Pool supplies & repairs	328.03
Gymnasium sup- & repairs	129.98
Building supplies & repairs	365.38
Office supplies & papers	35.10
Lloyd Class supplies	12.35
Printing	71.20
Telephone	95.00
Locker keys refund	39.30
Garnes	22.70
Entertainment	36.50
Boiler Inspector	20.00
Express	11.45
Lice	1.75
Outlays at farm	121.37
Amusement	61.30
Doctor & medicine	12.15

Travelling expenses \$5.50
 Penny Savings Bank } 103.08
 worth of aporn
 Mary Ann Borden
 Legacy deposited
 in the Savings Bank 1000.
 Bank

Sept. 1-1911 balance 21.98
 \$11,461.83

Receipt submitted

J. D. Borden Treasurer.

Annual Report of Superintendent ^{dent.}

Mr. President Ladies & Gentlemen

In presenting my twenty
 first Annual Report, I
 wish to express at the
 beginning my appreciation
 of your service to me and
 the boys. The boys do not
 seem to appreciate what
 we do for them today,
 but tomorrow next week
 and next year, they will
 appreciate it. In this
 respect as well as in
 many others, I'm only a
 boy. I refer to many
 of the Treasurers reports
 and the statistics of the
 membership and attendance
 is all that is necessary
 to form a judgment of
 the club. Is it gaining
 or is it losing? You
 will form your own

conclusion despite any
 thing I may say. The record
 is made up and cannot
 be changed. It's a record
 of which we need not
 be ashamed. But a report
 is very much like trying
 to recall the water which
 turned the wheel that
 ground the grain - it has
 passed on and will never
 turn the wheel again.

There were all the usual
 activities of other years, car-
 ried on successfully.

The Boys had many shows
 and entertainments. Games
 of indoor base ball, and
 athletic contests, with prizes
 of base ball or ribbons were
 presented. Basket ball games
 were numerous and almost
 continuous.

The 21st Anniversary was cele-
 brated by Juniors and Seniors
 in grand style. The Seniors
 had a dance, and the Juniors
 had some performers dance
 for them. Their afternoon
 feast was what the boys
 call "smell" flowers at each
 plate and an orchestra
 to play for them. - almost
 paralyzed them, they al-
 most forgot to eat.
 Thanks giving and Christmas
 had special attractions.

The membership was
 smaller than last year,
 but the aggregate atten-
 dance was 2500, larger,
 and in the gymnasium
 more than 3000 larger.
 The falling off in mem-
 bership, was not due
 to a lack of boys, but
 from our inability, to
 accommodate all who
 wanted to join the gym-
 nasium. There were
 two or three accidents
 which were serious at
 the time, but turned
 out well in the end.
 The naturalities and con-
 ditions of the boys are
 much the same.
 We start off the new year
 well, with all of the help-
 ers of last year, on their
 respective jobs. Much of
 the credit of the fair
 smooth running of the
 Club, is to my keepers
 who have been faithful
 and loyal to the Club.
 The finances as you can
 see by the Treasurers report,
 are not flourishing, but
 they are healthy, and to
 come out as well as we
 have this year, is a
 record to be proud of.

The milk station is not supported by the Boys Club. but is a special fund, contributed by many friends. Our Treasurer handled controls the funds. The special subscription for coal was a great help to us this year. the following are the statistics for 1910 & 1911.

The Junior Club has a membership of 1249. with an aggregate attendance of 43,364. brofing 8972. in gymnasium classes 13240. number of books loaned 1275. Visitors 146. present in classes 551. deposits in penny savings bank 177. Deposits in penny savings bank 733. deposits amounted to \$215.76 deposits withdrawn \$163.56 balance May 27th 1911 - \$52.20.

Junior membership at present is 525. new members joined during year, 255. present in gymnasium classes 7586. from Sept. 27th to April 29th

Thrift. Savings Bank for working men. Cooperative buying - for milk notice that the Boys in the Junior Club saved \$215.76. This large sum, comparatively was saved because

we stipulated that every boy that had a dollar and twenty-five cents in the bank could have a week at the farm. We took all who could go that had saved that amount, and several who had nothing in the bank. This coming year we can afford to reduce it to \$1.50.

With the Derivives we began a saving plan with \$.02 as the first deposit, increasing two cents weekly for twenty-four weeks. 49 books were taken out; and \$260 was the amount divided. The object was a Summer Vacation. A new series began in July and will end at Christmas. There are 62 members in this, and to date \$81.84 is paid in. This fund of saving is only an entering wedge for a larger scheme. If young men can save for Summer Vacations, and Christmas presents, they can be led to save for more important things. The

young or older married men.
 They be led to care for the
 Hinters coal, or to buy
 flour by the barrel, or a
 hundred and one other
 things. Self help is the best
 kind of help, and our mem-
 bers need that personal
 contact which these seem-
 ingly small transactions
 afford. No one can live
 with these fellows without
 admiring their un-
 deemed quality. They talk
 loud, and act profane,
 some of them, but they will
 share their last dime with
 their friends. It is very
 very seldom, they get a
 stone when they ask for
 bread of one of their own
 kind. I asked three men
 if they would form a
 club to help other fellows
 in need. Contributing
 \$10 each, towards a \$100.
 fund. "Yes" they said. One
 of them gave me \$20. to
 start, but just to show
 how things change about,
 he had to call on me for
 \$5. per week. to pay his
 board, his mill being
 shut down.
 Farm; the attractiveness
 of the farm, was increas-
 ed by the purchase of a

large tent. The tent
 was pitched near the
 house, and the cot
 beds were placed in
 it. Sleeping out of doors
 seemed to improve
 things in general. The
 boys slept better and
 were not homesick,
 and their tempers were
 improved. They are less
 quarrelsome than usual.
 None were sick. None
 want home. & their
 were accord. and nearly
 all wanted to come
 back a second week.
 One boy was sent
 home for disobedience.
 We have a boy working
 for his board now,
 practically homeless, hav-
 ing had a reform
 school experience. He
 is as homesick as sin.
 but rejoices in the
 domestic name of
 Rome. He is a good work-
 er and we shall keep
 him as long as it
 seems wise. A large
 piece of land is being
 cleared of brush, a half
 mile or more of fencing
 has been put up; the
 house has been repaired

for gas, and an catalane
gas plant installed nearly
ready for use.

Milk Station: The milk
station work is one of
the best and most fas-
inating pieces of work.
we have been doing. To
see the children, the
mothers, sometimes the
father or grandfather.

Coming after baby's milk,
is good for eyes, and
is good for the heart as
well. To assert that poor
people do not care for
their children, or do not
appreciate what is done
for them, is not true.
We were the first Boys
Club that I know of to
start a work for older
boys: we are the first to
start a work for babies.
Both are important and
viewed from the point of
prevention, the work for
the babies is the most im-
portant of all. There ap-
pears to have been a
decrease of infant mor-
tality in this city so
far this year. due prob-
ably to the publicity given
to this subject. but the
war has only just

begin. and until every section of the city has a nurse and infirm station we should remain in the fight.

Sunday afternoon talks.

I wish we might have a series of talks to men on social and moral questions. I mean to men who do not go to church, and have no interest in it.

but men who walk the streets, or for want of something better attend the Sunday theatrical performances.

There are men who will do it for nothing or at most their own face. There are many men who can talk well, but have little or no opportunity.

An open public forum would be to Hall, Diner, what a safety valve is to a steam boiler. An open play ground for little children, boys and girls is a preventive of juvenile crime: a free open discussion of public questions is a preventive of socialism and anarchy.

nothing on the social safety
value is a precarious recu-
pation.

Days, Republic: The Days, Repub-
lic which was main-
tained for several years
in Globe Village, has been
given up for lack of sup-
port. We have fallen heir
to their equipment and
also to their ideas. The idea
was obedience to law, en-
forced by a court elected
by the boys themselves. This
too good a scheme to let
die, and we propose to
keep alive the plan, and
add to it a little ritual
and three degrees. The de-
grees will be written ex-
aminations upon first-
What do you know about
your city? As for example
What is the mayor? Who
makes the laws for the
city? Who enforces them?
What is the name of our
court? Who is the judge?
Who pays the taxes?
What are the taxes
spent for? Who pays for
your education? Who
can a boy serve his city?
The Club and the Days
Republic? The second
degree will be a sim-
ilar series of questions

only they will relate to the state, and the third degree will relate to the nation. The boy will after passing the three degrees, be admitted to citizenship. He can hold office, and will have some very exclusive privileges. A room will be set aside for this club, and as far as they can be trusted will be self governing.

Social Workers Conference Library - Cooperative Survey. There is a great need of Social Workers conferring together. It often happens that in following the trail of a neglected boy, you stumble upon a home that needs help. This is a sick mother; or a father out of work; a baby that needs attention, or perhaps a case of tuberculosis. We can help, and do help by taking into the Club, or sending out to the farm, boy whom other Social Workers have recommended to us. But the workers themselves have no place

where they can meet one another! Such a place we have and we ought to extend our hospitality, to all who will come. A Social Workers Library open to volunteers as well as paid workers. can easily be established and for the small investment will pay our hundred fold, by increasing the knowledge and efficiency of the workers. A survey of the city must be made before we can tell where to concentrate our efforts. And it is only by concentration, and co-operation that we can expect to permanently benefit our city. I hope and believe that there is a group of young men, who are well-informed and anxious to improve the conditions of our city. A definite program finds responsive workers, and financial help. To win support we must know, and we cannot acquire knowledge, without study and investigation. and I am assured of some volunteer workers who desire to know full

Power. and we with-
your sanction, mean
to do it, making the
Club as a fulcrum only;
the benefit which
might come from our
labors, is to keep the
city as a whole, and
not the Boys Club par-
ticularly.

Expansion: The work of
the Boys Clubs of the Country
is expanding! And the
dedicated Boys Club have
enlarged their Directors
by adding many new
and strong men. They
have taken over "Stock
with Boys" the maga-
zine which I have man-
aged for several years.
While I have been elected
President of the organ-
ization for the third
time. my duties will
only be nominal.

Being relieved of these
cares I am looking to
see what new thing
to keep our club useful
our city. The nurse of
the milk station and
the agent of the Society
for the prevention of Cruelty
to Children and myself
are all dealing with

young life, and by working together we can accomplish much more than we can alone. If there is no objection we plan to use our office jointly, and always have somebody in the job - becoming familiar with each others work, and cooperating to the fullest extent.

The guiding thought in the work of the Boys Club has been preventive. A quotation "To cure is the voice of the past - to prevent the Disease is the voice of today" - was given to us, Boys Club men more than twenty years ago. The emphasis upon prevention is increasing constantly in every form of social service. To try & lift up the worst boys and prevent their becoming a charge upon a city or state is one of our constant persisting aims. To win over to good citizenship what seems often times to be unsentable and hopeless material is one aim. To make two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before is a blessed thing but to have some

part in changing a weed
into a flower of useful
plant is a more blessed
thing. Something like
this we are doing and
find that it pays.

We thank all our good
friends for their gifts
of books and games,
food and clothing and
many useful articles.
Our news papers have
been generous with
notices, of the Clubs
activities and we
thank them.

The outlook is hope-
full. Opportunities for
doing good lie on
every hand. Let us
go forward.

Respectfully Submitted
Thomas Chas. Supt.

Summer Vacation School
The work of the Summer
School was covered in
the following report:
If the people who re-
sponded so promptly
and generously to the
appeal for funds for the
Boys Club Summer School,
could have seen at the
Arrival St. entrance

of the club, on the morning
 of the 11th of July to see the
 great crowd of children,
 waiting for the opening of
 the 13th season of the
 Summer School they would
 have been fully repaid
 for their contributions.
 Of the number awaiting
 admission 301 were taken
 in, and over 150 waited,
 not only on that morning
 but for the succeeding days.
 Indeed for some of that
 week of memorable heat
 hoping that some children
 might drop out, that
 they could thus gain ad-
 mission. Inasmuch that
 the city of Fall River through
 the School Department
 had in 1910, taken up the
 work of Summer Schools,
 the members of the Civic
 Club felt that their ener-
 gies should be directed
 to other channels and with-
 drew their usual con-
 tribution, not however
 because of any lack of
 interest in the good
 work. Nearly all if not
 all the members of the
 Club gave personal contri-
 butions for the support
 of the school. About

1000 appeals were sent out, and money sufficient for a four weeks session was thus secured.

There were few changes in the teaching crop; and the work done was on the same general lines of previous years.

Much credit for the success of the school is due to the Superintendent and his assistants; and the Directors of the Day Club for without their advice, assistance and encouragement the sessions of 1911, would not have been possible. Miss Annette Fiske of the Milk Station Department of the Day Club gave two instructive lectures for the Domestic Science classes which were exceedingly profitable.

The average attendance of the pupils was from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 years of age, was 244.

The departments and the instructors for the same were,

Sewing Miss Mabel E. Harris
 Miss Lillian E. Harvey.
 Drawing & clay modelling
 Miss Sarah H. H. H. H.
 Lloyd Miss Irene Hilde.
 Domestic Science Miss Ida
 Ackley.
 Kindergarten Miss Charissa
 Buffington. Miss Vida Turner.
 Miss Edith Thackeray. Miss
 Esther Howland. Miss
 Dorothy Howland.
 Manual Training James
 W. Donald: Gymnasium
 David Greenman. Fred
 Karkolsky: Ruffia Walter
 Huntington Athletic as-
 sistance Cherry Shea:
 Engal Hunter.
 Recip Submitted
 George B. Smith.

These annual reports were
 approved, and voted they be
 copied in records of Corpora-
 tion, and published in our
 daily papers.

The next business was election
 of nine directors for ensuing
 year. Voted Mr. Chess cast
 ballot for
 Richard J. Thompson M.D.,
 Edward L. Anthony
 James H. Dence.
 Cornelius G. Greene.
 Lemuel A. Chase M.D.
 Mrs. Jefferson & order

Mrs. James E. Osborn.
 Mrs. Robert C. Davis and
 Harriet H. Deayton
 and they were declared
 elected.

Voted Mr. Chew cash
 ballot for

Harriet H. Deayton
 Secretary

James D. Dime

Treasurer

and they were declared
 elected to their respec-
 tive offices.

Voted to adjourn

Harriet H. Deayton
 Secretary

At a subsequent meet-
 ing of Directors

Richard J. Thompson
 M.D.

was elected by ballot
 President.

and Edward L. Anthony
 Vice President.

A special meeting of the
incorporation of the Boys Club
of Fall River was held at
their rooms May 13th 1912.
at 4.30 P. M.

The President was in the
chair.

The Secretary read the
following call of meeting.

May 13th
1912

A special meeting of the
incorporation of the Boys Club
of Fall River will be held
at the club rooms Pocasset
at Monday May 13th 1912
to at 4.30 P. M.

around 1st To see if members of the
article Incorporation will change
II & IV Article II. and first clause
of Article IV of the Constitu-
tion.

Item 2nd To transact any other
business that may proper-
ly come before the meeting.

Harriet H. Beayliffe
Secretary

May 6th 1912.

The six members present
voted to amend these
articles. Article II to read
the payment of \$2. or more,
and acceptance by Board
of Directors constitute one

a member of the Corporation. Article IV to read "The Board of Directors to consist of not less than nine members.

Voted to adjourn
 Harriet H. Doughty
 Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River was held Monday Sept. 16th 1912.

Five members were

Annual present.

meeting The call of meeting was
 of read by Secretary

Corpora-
 tion

called The Annual meeting of
 for the Corporation of the
 Sept 16 Boys Club of Fall River
 1912 will be held at the
 under Boys Club, 10 Cass St.
 at 4:30 P. M.
 article Monday September 16th 1912
 of at 4:30 P. M.

Consti. 1st To hear and act upon
 interim reports of Secretary, Treasurer
 and Superintendent.

met to 2nd To elect Officers for
 adjourn the ensuing year

3rd To transact any

other business I think may properly come before the meeting.

Harriet H.C., Secretary

Fall River Sept. 9th 1914.

Voted the Annual Meeting be adjourned subject to call of President.

Voted to adjourn

Harriet H.C., Secretary

The Twenty second Annual
meeting of the Corporation
of the Boys Club of Fall
River was held
October fifteenth 1912. at
the Boys Club Pocasset St.

Those were present.

Adjourned

Annual The call of meeting was
meeting read by Secretary.

October

15th

1912.

Boys Club of Fall River

The Adjourned Annual
meeting of the Corporation
of the Boys Club of Fall River
will be held at the Boys
Club Pocasset St.

Tuesday October 15th 1912 at 4 PM
1st To hear and act upon
the reports of Secretary,
Treasurer and Superin-
tendent.

2nd To elect officers for
the ensuing year.

3rd To see if the Corporation
will authorize the
Directors to buy or sell
real estate.

4th To transact any
other business that may
properly come before the
meeting.

Harriet H. Grayson
Secretary

Fall River Oct. 10th 1912.

The first business was
to accept the resignations
of the Ladies on the Board
of Directors. Voted the
resignations of
Mrs. Jefferson, Boarder
" James E. Osborn.
" Robert C. Davis
Miss Harriet H., Secretary
be accepted with regret.

Annual Statement of Secretary.

The extent of the work of the
Boys Club the past year,
for all, direct youthful
citizens, cannot be brought
to your notice by recorded
statements only. One must
be on the field of battle,
watching with keen
eyes, the daily maneuvers
of strategies of the Super-
intendent, in order to
receive a clear, comprehen-
sive insight into the
mysterious activities of
a boy. The work of the
Club Superintendent, has
been carried on with
every iron in the fire
that his active mind
could command. Morning
and evening his activities
were not diminished —
all in behalf of the boy.

There have been no
 stagnant moments
 and each hour has
 been used to keep
 round out the charac-
 ter and aspirations of
 these growing men.

At the Directors meetings
 of the year the custom-
 ary routine business
 had been transacted.

A special meeting of
 the Corporation was
 held May 13th when articles
 II and IV of the Constitution
 were amended, in order
 that the Board of Directors
 and members of the
 Corporation, might be
 increased if deemed
 advisable.

At a meeting of the Board
 of Directors held Sept. 6th
 it was voted to increase
 the Board of Directors, with
 larger and more varied
 possibilities in view.
 The Ladies of the Board
 tendered their resigna-
 tions to be accepted at
 this Annual Meeting.

The milk station which
 was opened in July, for
 its second season, under
 the supervision of Isabella
 Chervogradova of the

Rhode Island Hospital,
and the Children's Hospital
of Boston, will be mentioned
in the Superintendents
report, as well as the two
offices, started in the north
east and southern sections
of our city.

As we come to the close of
one year and the beginning
of another, we miss the
unseen hand ever stretch-
ed out to aid the boys in
their upward climb, the
late Walter C. D. Borden -
the club found and here
effective. Formal action up-
on his death was taken
at the meeting held May 29th.
It was several years ago,
that the true worth of the
club to our city, came to his
notice. The life and activity
which were wasted in the
wrecking hours of the club,
because of its handicapped
conditions, and what it
might stretch out to, with
capacious buildings held
his attention, and he gave
unsolicited the final en-
gineered plan of the
club's present home. His
generous spirit and fore-
sight for their welfare
made him a friend of

all the boys that have crossed these thresholds. They honor his memory, and to him owe their first longings to live better lives, in more wholesome surroundings.

YOUTH and MANHOOD are daily meeting within these walls. Their combined forces stir one to the very depths, when realising the impressions continually being made in the hearts and minds of the members.

The Board of Directors desire to express to all the faithful workers - and janitors their appreciation of untiring service, well rendered.

To Ralph Reynolds the Physical Instructor and Assistant Superintendent the Board are ever grateful - his courteous manner and unflinching fortitude have proved a blessing in the ever revolving work of the Club.

Since the formation of the Club twenty-two years ago, the Superintendent has had under

his supervision more
 than twenty three thousand
 different boys. 7 every
 rationality: each one com-
 ing in close touch with
 him. This 7 itself has
 been a life work, and a
 problem few could solve.
 At first all was misery
 but he has been standing
 in the centre of an arch
 spanning joy and
 sorrow: his hands
 continually stretching in
 both directions. His aim
 to bring within his reach
 the boy who was losing
 courage because he was
 living among strong temp-
 tations, and making
 efforts to climb to man-
 hood without sympathy
 or the help of parents or friends.
 A Christian spirit, and per-
 sistency in overcoming
 obstacles have led Mr. Chew
 on: with renewed strength
 and hope he enters the
 new year, supported by a
 larger body of Directors
 each one of whom will
 lend encouragement
 fresh zeal, and wisdom
 to the ever developing
 work for our boys of
 Grace River.

For your consideration
is the pushing forward,
and upholding of this
whole work, and the
solving of the question
how to best meet the
needs of the individual
boy.

Respectfully submitted
Dorrick H. Drayton
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.
Annual report of the
Treasurer of the Boys Club
Sept. 1st 1912.
Balance.

Balance on hand Sept. 1 st 1911.	\$21.98
Subscriptions	\$4659.11
Membership dues	\$1392.60
Bowling, Pool and Billards	2949.86
Baths	\$484.42
Torrels	124.60
Lawn	59.65
H. L. Dimshew. M. A. Barden.	
B. M. C. Durfee dividends & Interest	\$94.46
Penny Bank	49.02
Miscellaneous	49.19
Total	\$10,198.33

Expenses	
Salaries and wages	\$6561.88
Coal	911.47
Gas	563.03
Water	363.01

Building supplies	\$771.99
" repairs	\$286.27
Boating pool and billards	\$306.46
Stamps	79.94
Telephones	77.01
Permy, drink	49.46
People's Forum	25.90
Labor	183.36
Local	\$10 179.78
Balance Sept 1 st 1912	18.75
	\$10,198.53

Superintendent to report.
 Mr. President and Co-Directors—
 The annual report of the
 Superintendent is not a
 report of what he has
 done, but a fragmentary
 summary, of what we as the
 officers of the Corporation of
 the Bay Club & Hall, Inc.,
 have tried to do. We are
 making to-day a report
 to our contributors, men
 and women, who if we
 were a Commercial Organ-
 ization would correspond
 to stockholders. They have a
 right to know how we
 have used their funds,
 and how we have man-
 aged their property. Does
 it pay? is a question that
 they are asking us to-day
 and upon we answer

depends very largely what
they will do for the
society.

This report is intended
to show the gives what
they have gotten for their
investment. One theme
might be appropriately
called "giving and getting"
or "it is more blessed
to give than to receive" -
Decided.

Members boys	1246
" young men	625
Total attendance of boys	41,249
estimated total attendance of men	50,000.

Total attendance of ^{gym.} boys	8861.
" " men	9393.
Days Bowling	8002.
Citizens meeting boys present	717.
Visitors	392.
Accounts opened in Savings bank	172.

Deposits made	902.
Amount of deposits	\$102.25
" " Withdrawals	\$71.37
Balance	30.88
Baths men members	3500.
" members estimated	16000.

Eight entertainments of a
musical or literary character
were given for the boys.
The holidays of Thanksgiving
giving and Christmas
were observed and

every boy received a gift
of fruit and candy.
Every Saturday evening
basket ball and athletic
sports are the principle
attractions. At some future
time we must provide
pools to vary the programme.
We are not able to do this
until a single row
column is removed from
our auditorium.

The Anniversary is always the
happier occasion of the year.
Counting the boys who came
in the afternoon and those
in the evening we had
1000 boys present. While there
is a sameness to these anniver-
saries, there are always new
boys, who come for the
first time, and they never
forget it. The young men
had a very successful
dance on anniversary night.
The birthday cards which
our ladies of the Board
send to every member of
the club, twelve years old,
and under are greatly
appreciated. The object of
the whole club work
is to make better citizens
in a general way, and
we tried to select a group
of boys and teach them

more about the city, and
 the way it is managed.
 Three sets of questions
 were asked each candidate
 for citizenship - The first
 related to the city and
 such questions as Who is
 the mayor? Alderman
 of your precinct and ward?
 How many are there
 on the school committee?
 how chosen? Who was
 mayor of the city when
 you were born? The
 second were similar
 only they related to the
 state. Such questions as
 who is governor and
 how is the Senate and
 House of Representatives
 elected etc. The third
 set of questions related
 to the United States. If a
 boy could answer 70 % of
 the questions he was
 naturalized and admit-
 ted to citizenship. A
 city government and District
 Court was formed and
 a miniature city govern-
 ment was carried on.
 A bulletin with the
 letters B. C. C. was worn
 by the citizens. The letters
 stand for Boys Club
 citizen. The next year

was a better order among
among the older boys.

They made several wise
recommendations and
which was we ought to
have a bubble fountain
and we got one. Crenelius
Dr. Donnan, Esq. had charge
of this experiment and the
Club is indebted to him
for the development of the
plan. It took time and
patience to do it, and we
appreciate his successful
efforts.

The Forum - This was along
the same line, but not in
the same manner as the
efforts for the younger boys.
Topics that were of interest
to men were discussed
by well known speakers for
social and economic bet-
terment. They were held
on Sunday Afternoons. Such
topics as "The Workingmen's
compensation act" "Single
Tax" "Workingmen's Insur-
ance" "Mens and Machinery"
"The Minimum Wage" etc. and
many others that were
designed to interest the
working men. Although
some of the speakers had
a statewide reputation
the audience was not
large

and it cannot be said that the Bureau was as successful as our efforts and expense warranted. It was perhaps due to our giving these talks free — if we try it again there will be a small admission charged, or limited to members of the Club. The summer work is growing. For a dozen years we have had a play school. This school has grown and developed so well that it is now one of the best kinds of school, as well as one of the best of its kind. The city has for the last two years maintained four summer schools, but there are just as many children who need the schools as ever. The city's schools have not relieved the demand for this form of work, in the vicinity of the club. The usual classes in sewing, cooking, clay-modelling, drawing, carpentry and kindergarten work, were carried on with plenty of play sand-

worked in with the work
 Mr. George H. Sweet the
 principal secured all the
 funds for the school.
 Our blessing came in
 giving the use of the
 building and all janitor's
 service.

The Summer. The interest in
 the Summer outings has
 increased and been
 more satisfactory since
 we brought the tent. About
 100 boys were out there
 this Summer. Some of the
 boys made marked
 gains, in health increase
 in weight and vigor.
 More milk, fresh eggs,
 and vegetables, grown on
 the place, were consumed
 than in any previous year.
 Quite a few boys paid
 their board. In a week,
 and ten of the older boys
 were willing to pay double,
 what we charged the small
 boys, and they were taken
 along and they had a pleas-
 ant outing. Several boys
 were sent out by indi-
 viduals, and other char-
 itable organizations. We
 always have room for
 a boy who because of
 exceptional conditions

needs either the farm or the Club.

Milk Stations - The infant mortality of our city has always seemed to me to reflect upon our city and its citizens. The Club is interested, in the city as a whole, as well as in its boys. Last year we had the only milk station in the city. This year there have been four stations besides those carried on by the District Nursing Association. Three of these were Superintendent had charge of, and in the other stations he assisted. The city through its supervising nurse, for the first time has taken an active interest in the work, with the result of a very short campaign, meagre equipment, the death rate among babies decreased fifty percent. We have had a part in removing the stigma, which has rested upon Hall River for so long a time has certainly been worth while. This work has been done by the Club but not with Club funds, we gave and

it was "more blessed
to give than to receive."

Play grounds. The work done
by the city this year was
much greater than in the
past. The work was held
back for lack of volunteers,
especially for boys work.
As soon as Mr. Reynolds
was free from the farm, he
volunteered to do ^{ground} play work
and was assigned to do boys
work at the North Park.
He gave four weeks service
and did splendid work, &
was very highly commen-
ded for the work he did
there, and for the results
he secured. This is only one
more way in which the
club serves the city, and boys
not members of the Club.
Without remuneration
but the appreciation and
thanks ^{of the} in charge of the play
grounds.

The Club comes in contact
with the city in many
ways. A very large number
of the men who have
been taken into the police
force or fire department
have gotten their physical
training at the Club.
A good many of these
men were once members

of the small boys club.
 To be sure we have received
 their nominal member-
 ship fee, but the city has
 gained in the high class
 of men, that are now
 being taken on these two
 frecks.

The recent Linnmont house
 inspection, so well done,
 was given its start in
 the Boys Club. The first
 meeting was held in our
 building, and the Com-
 mittee that carried it
 through was appointed at
 that time. Others were
 added later.

The Evening Law School
 carried on for several
 years, has stimulated
 the desires and ambitions
 of many young men,
 not a few of whom were
 boys club boys.

Another way in which
 to keep our city is through
 our bathing privileges.

Last year more than 3200
 men were connected with
 the Club at all, took baths
 during the day time.

They were men from
 the mills, dyehouses, coal
 teamers, and kindred
 occupations, the kind

of men to whom it is a
 blessing to keep. A great
 many of them cannot
 speak English, and cannot
 afford to live or board in
 a house that has a bath-
 tub. The Club supplements
 the school and the home
 of the boys and in this
 particular supplements
 the poor man's boarding
 house.

These are ways in which we
 help men; there is still
 another way in which
 we help men and women.
 For one fifth of a cent a boy
 can buy a picture paper,
 for mother, or father or
 himself. For two fifths of
 a cent he can buy maga-
 zines which cost frequently
 15 to 35 cents each. What can
 estimate the value of such a
 distribution of good literature?
 Truly and as a matter of
 course the club has been
 distributing thousands of
 pieces every year, literary
 by the ton. The club has
 not received enough
 from distribution to pay for
 the collection. Truly not
 have received, and freely
 we have given.
 In close connection with

this line of work we have placed a small library in the juvenile detention room of the local police station. We shall put in boys papers, and magazines as desired. If the boys will not come to the Club, or cannot do so on account of distance, the club must go to them. The Assistant Superintendent is helping two of the public school Principals at recess time. Games are taught boys and teachers and with this organized play the recess time the recess time is more profitable to the children. There is here a large opportunity for service of which we shall take advantage, to help the women Principals of our schools in their games and athletics for boys. This service is of course free. We hope it will always be aided of the Boys Club of Lae. I wish that it is given to hospitality; irrespective of creed, nationality or social condition. We are called upon many times to let a room for the hall

for the benefit of some charitable object, and if possible we never refuse. We have seven different societies, speaking thirty different languages representing three different nationalities meeting in one building once each month. Besides these are three organizations for great social service of the S. P. C. to C. The District Nursing Association, and Loyal Temperance Legion; who are with us all the year through. The very pleasant arrangement between the boys and girls basketball teams of the High School have been mutually profitable and promoted good feeling all around, and we expect the relations, will continue another year.

We have many visitors from all parts of the world. One man came in recently from Illinois. He had been in Boys Club work for a long time and this is one of the things he said: "We have always looked upon the Lake, River, Boys Club as being the 'hub' of the Boys Club movement. If not are the 'hub' the

spokes of the wheel reach
 out afar - to Sweden,
 Japan, Turkey, Australia
 and almost every state
 in the Union. There is
 probably not a single
 state, where at some time
 or other, somebody has
 not written to enquire
 about our club and asked
 what they could do. Principals
 of Schools, teachers in Day
 and Sunday Schools, a
 mother who lived in a
 summer camp who
 wanted something to
 interest her boys, and
 her neighbors boys, and
 best of all, old boys of our
 own club who have
 gone out to other places
 and have become active
 Directors in Boys Clubs in
 their new homes, all these
 have either written or
 visited us. There seems
 to me to be one great
 thing we can do for the
 Country and that is to
 make our club the
 actual headquarters for
 all Boys Club work.
 For the fourth time it
 has been my luck to
 be chosen President of
 the Federated Boys Clubs

The Federated need a club for demonstration purposes, and as a training school for men, who wish to become Superintendents. We have all that they need in the way of equipment and variety of work. A single room for the Secretaries^{Office} is all they would need from us. If we can "bring up" in work for Boys so large that all the country may see our hand extended to help them? The opportunity lies at our door.

We cannot let this day pass without some reference to Mr. Dorden, who has made possible the largeness of our work. It was his comparatively large contribution in 1890 that stimulated the club work. The gift of the building on Anderson St. in 1897 was up to that time the largest single gift to Boys Clubs known. In 1907 the gift of the building on Pocasset St. made his total contribution larger than any other individual or single organization for Boys Clubs. He did his things in a large hearted

manner. He knows his memory best. By doing large things for the boys of his native City and Country. With his signers he never forget to be kind, and it will always be a pleasant memory to me that a poor mill boy should have the confidence and assistance of the rich mill man in building the largest Boys Club in the world.

Our gladdest day of the year - our anniversary day, should be changed to Mr. Doeder's birthday. In conclusion let me say that changes must come. The doctrine of fresh air preached so strenuously the last few years is having its effect. The boys come in later in the Fall, and go out earlier in the Spring, making our seasons of Club activities shorter! The boys have gained to the Parents, by the earlier closing of the mills has changed conditions decidedly. By a little hurrying

parents can get themselves
 and children ready for
 the moving picture shows
 and stay off as a family.
 In many other ways
 social life is changing
 and the Club must
 change too or lose its op-
 portunities. We need
 more gymnasium room
 for our little boys. More
 games, swings, teeter-
 boards and such like appa-
 ratus. A moving picture
 outfit of our own, which
 could be used for
 educating as well as
 entertaining. We need
 a larger financial sup-
 port from our own citi-
 zens. More gifts to cur-
 rent expenses. We sincere-
 ly thank all who have
 given us aid of any kind.
 Our daily paper for their
 helpful articles. And we
 who have given our best
 to the services of this club
 for years, as one more
 year comes around what
 can we say to those
 who have sustained
 us? To the boys and men
 who have profited by
 the club. This you will
 find as we have found

That is is more, blessed
to give than to receive.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Chero
Superintendent.

Would these reports be
accepted - placed on
file, and published
in our daily papers.

The nominating Committee
presented the following
report.

For Directors

Edward L. Anthony

Thomas B. Bassett

James H. Bence.

Berttram H. Borden.

Charles N. Borden.

John S. Brayton

Samuel A. Chace.

Robert C. Davis

George Delano

Nathan Durfee.

Judge James Dr. Dr. Dr. Dr.

Wallace J. Nichols

James E. Osborn

Richard J. Thompson.

Edward B. Varney.

For Secretary

Wallace Irving Nichols

For Treasurer

James H. Bence.

Voted Secretary cast ballot
for said Board of Directors
representing units of Corpor-
ation.

Voted Secretary cast ballot
for Dr. Irving Nichols
for Secretary. and James
H. Deane Treasurer and
they were declared elected
to their several offices.

The Secretary, ~~withdrew~~
while the new Secretary
took the chair.

A communication from Mr. Burr in re-
ference to real estate holdings of the
corporation, was read by the Secretary.

Voted that the Directors be authorized
to buy and sell Real Estate.

Voted to adjourn.

Walter J. Nichols Secy.

Annual Meeting
Sept 15.
1913.

The twenty third Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Fall River, was held Monday evening Sept. 15. 1913 in the Arnam St. building.

Nine members were present.
The call of the meeting was read by the Secretary.

Boys Club of Fall River.

The Annual Meeting of the Boys Club will be held on Monday evening Sept 15. 1913. at eight o'clock, in their building on Arnam St.

1. To hear the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent
2. To elect a board of Directors
3. To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Walter J. Nichols Secretary
Fall River Sept. 8. 1913.

The first business to come before the meeting was the reading of the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent, which were accepted.

The nominating committee presented the following report.

Prop. Directors

Bedlam H. Borden, Nathan Lempert,
Charles H. Borden, John S. Buxton, J. E. Newton
Edward B. Varney, Robt. Marshall, Jas. E. Osborn
Homer A. Grace, Jas. M. Martin Jr., Robt. B. Bassett,
Asa H. Wells, Jas. F. Bener, Robt. L. Davis,
Henry Delano, R. J. Thompson, M. V. Hudson
& Walter J. Nichols

For Secretary
Walter D. Nichols

For Treasurer
James H. Bence

Voted that the secretary cast one ballot
for the above named Directors and
for Walter D. Nichols Secy. and
James H. Bence Treas. and they
were declared elected for the
ensuing year.

Voted to adjourn.
Walter D. Nichols Secy.

Annual
Meeting
Sept. 21
1914

The twenty fourth Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boys Club of Hall River, was held on Monday evening Sept. 21, 1914, at 8 o'clock in the American St. building. Seven members were present.

The call for the meeting was read by the secretary.

The Boys Club of Hall River. The twenty fourth Annual Meeting of the Boys Club of Hall River, will be held on Monday evening Sept. 21, 1914, at 8 o'clock in the building on American Street.

1. To hear the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent.

2. To elect a Board of Directors.

3. To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Walter J. Nichols Secy. of Hall River Sept. 14, 1914.

The first business to come before the meeting was the reading of the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer & Superintendent which were accepted.

The nominating committee presented the following list of officers.

The Directors
Arthur H. Borden, Nathan Souper, Elias A. Borden,
John J. Bampton, J. C. Fowler, Benjamin B. Jensen,
Robt. Marshall, Jas. C. Osborn, James A. Chubb,
Jas. W. Norton Jr., Mrs. B. Bassett, Mrs. A. Miller,
Jas. J. Bence, Robt. C. Davis, Gray, Duane,
W. J. Thompson, W. A. Hudson, Walter J. Nichols
The Secretary
Walter J. Nichols

The Treasurer
 James H. Benson

Voted that the Secretaries and one called
 for the above named Directors and for
 Walter J. Nichols say & James H. Benson
 and they were declared elected for
 the ensuing year

Voted to adjourn
 Walter J. Nichols say

Annual
Meeting
Sept 21.
1915

The twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Boy's Club of Fall River, was held on Thursday evening Sept. 21. 1915 at 8 o'clock in the Buchanan St building.

The call for the meeting was read by the secretary.

The Boy's Club of Fall River
The Annual Meeting of the Boy's Club of Fall River was held on Thursday evening Sept. 21. 1915 at 8 o'clock in the building on Buchanan St.

1. To hear the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent.
2. To elect a Board of Directors.
3. To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Walter J. Nichols Secy
Fall River Sept. 14. 1915.

The first business in order was, the reading of the reports of the Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent, which were accepted.

Mr. Chew as a nominating committee presented the following list of officers.

The Directors

Bertie H. Borden, Nathan Zimper, Lehar. H. Borden
John S. Brayton, J. E. Newton, Edw. Barker, Robt. Marshall,
Jas. E. Osborn, Thomas A. Chace, Jas. W. Norton Jr, Elias B. Bissett,
Asa A. Mills, Jas. H. Bener, Robt. C. Davis, Geo. Delano
W. J. Thompson, M. D. Kramer & Walter J. Nichols

The Secretary

Walter J. Nichols

The Treasurer

James H. Borden

Voted That the Secretary cast one ballot
 for the list of officers read, and they
 were declared elected, for the ensuing year.
 The question of increasing dues from five
 to ten cents was considered and it
 was voted to leave the matter to the. Secy.

Adjourned
 Walter S. Nichols Secy.

Annual
Meeting
Sept. 11th
1916

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Boys Club of Fall River was held in the Graham St. Building on Monday evening Sept. 18. 1916 at 8 o'clock with 11 members present.

The call for the meeting was read by the Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Boys Club of Fall River will be held on Monday, Sept. 18. 1916 at 8 P.M. in the Boys Club on Graham St.

To elect a Board of directors and to hear the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting

W. J. Nichols Secy.

Sept. 11. 1916.

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent were read & accepted, and ordered sent to the papers, with slight changes.

Mr. Shaw, as a nominating committee reported the following names:

For Directors Bertram H. Borden, Chas. B. Borden, John S. Braxton, James H. Benez, Thos. B. Bassett, Herman A. Chase, Nathan Dwyer, George Delano, Robert C. Davis, W. C. Hurdner, Jas. H. Jackson, Jas. H. Morton Jr., Robert Marshall, Jas. E. Peyton, Walter J. Nichols, Jas. E. Osborn, Richard J. Thompson, Ezra A. Vells & Ednaud B. Varnum

For Secretary Walter J. Nichols

For Treasurer James H. Benez

all of whom were declared elected by an ballot cast by the Secretary & voted.

Adjourned Walter J. Nichols Secy

Annual
Meeting
Sept. 17. 1917

The Twenty Seventh Annual Meeting of the Boys Club of Fall River was held in the Artisan St. Building on Monday evening Sept. 17. 1917 at 8 o'clock.

The call for the meeting was read by the secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Boys Club of Fall River, well attended on Monday, Sept. 17. 1917. at 8 P.M. in the Club on Artisan St.

First - to hear the reports of the secretary, treasurer and superintendent.

Second - To elect a Board of Directors.

Third - To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Halter J. Nichols Secy.
Sept. 10. 1917.

The reports of the secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent were read and accepted.

A. Chero as a nominating committee reported the following names.

For Directors - Bertram H. Borden, Lehas. H. Borden, John S. Brayton, Thomas B. Bassett, Jas. H. Benor, Horner A. Straci, Nathan Lanfer, Robert C. Davis, George Delano, W. D. Hacker, James T. Jackson, Robert Marshall, Ezra A. Mills, Jas. W. Horton Jr., Jas. Edward Newton, Walter J. Nichols, James E. Osborn, Richard J. Thompson, Edward B. Parney.

For Secretary Walter J. Nichols

For Treasurer James H. Benor

all of whom were declared elected by an ballot cast by the secretary, and voted

Adjourned, Walter J. Nichols
Secy.

Annual
Meeting
Sept 16 1918.

The twenty eighth Annual Meeting of the
Boys Club of Fall River, was held in the
Ingram St. building on Monday evening
Sept. 16. 1918 at 8 o'clock.

The call for the meeting was read by the
secretary.

"The Annual Meeting of the Boys Club of
Fall River, will be held on Monday Sept 16 1918.
at 8 P.M. in the Club on Ingram St.
First - To hear the reports of the Secretary,
Treasurer and Superintendent.

Second - To elect a Board of Directors.

Third - To transact such other business as
may legally come before the meeting.

Walter J. Nichols Secy.

Sept. 9 1918.

The reports of the Secretary Treasurer and
Superintendent were read and accepted.

Mr. Cherr as a nominating committee reported
the following names

For Directors Benjamin H. Borden Charles A. Borden
John S. Brayton Thomas B. Bussett Jas H. Boser
James A. Chace Nathan Donfee Robert C. Davis,
George Delano, M. T. Hudson James B. Kerr,
Robert Marshall Jas E. Newton Walter J. Nichols
James E. Osborn James F. Jackson R. J. Thompson,
James W. Horton Jr & Edward B. Varney
For Secretary Walter J. Nichols
For Treasurer James H. Boser

all of whom were declared elected by one
ballot cast by Mr. Cherr as voted.

The organizers of the New Camp Community
Service asked for our cooperation and it was
voted to refer to the Sept. 20th dinner to act.

Adjourned

Walter J. Nichols Secy.

Annual
Meeting
Sept 23/1919

The twenty ninth Annual Meeting of the Boys Club of Fall River was held in the Freeman St. Building on Tuesday evening Sept. 23, 1919 at 8 o'clock with 9 members present.

The call for the meeting was read by the Secy.

The 29th Annual Meeting of the Boys Club will be held in the Freeman St. Bldg. on Tuesday evening Sept. 23, 1919 at 8 o'clock

to hear the reports of the Secy, Treas & Supt.

to elect officers for the ensuing year.

To transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Walter J. Nichols Secy.

The reports of the Secy, Treas and Supt. were read and accepted.

Mr. Evans a nominating committee reported the following names for Directors

Bertram H. Borden, Thomas B. Bassett, James H. Bence, Charles F. Borden, John S. Brayton, Arthur A. Grace, Nathan Luffee, Robert C. Davis, George Delano, James B. Kerr, M. G. Hudson, Robert Marshall, James H. Morton Jr., Jas. E. Norton, Walter J. Nichols, James E. Osborn, W. J. Thompson, Edward B. Varney.

For Secretary Walter J. Nichols

For Treasurer James H. Bence

All of whom were declared elected by one ballot cast by the Secy. as voted.

On motion of Mr. Brayton it was voted that the Secy be instructed to accept gifts with the sanction of the Board.

Adjourned

Walter J. Nichols Secy.

Annual
Meeting.

The thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River was held in the Club-rooms on Anawan St., Oct. 17, 1920, at 8 p.m. The vice-president called the meeting to order and in the absence of the president presided.

The call for the meeting was read. The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved. The secretary read a brief account of meetings the directors had held during the year.

The superintendent read his annual report and it was accepted.

The treasurer read a full and detailed account of his work for the year and his report was discussed and accepted and placed on file.

The election of officers followed.

Walter J. Nichols was chosen clerk and Mr. Edw. B. Varny, Treasurer on one ballot.

The following were elected directors by ballot:

Walter H. Borden, James C. Borden, John S. Borden, R. J. Thompson, Nathan Durfee, John S. Brayton, James B. Ken, Mr. J. Hudson, Thomas C. Borden, Thomas B. Borden, Walter J. Nichols, Robert C. Borden, Charles W. Borden, Edward H. Borden, George Delano, J. C. Newton, Robert Marshall, James T. Jackson, E. P. Chaitton. Voted to adjourn.

The directors held a meeting after the annual meeting. Without formal vote Mr. Borden and Mr. Durfee were asked to keep their respective offices vacant until the president.

The matter of sending a man to New York for training in Boy's Club work was left to the supt. and vice-president. An increase of salary was voted to James Jackson and himself and the supt. This was paid as a bonus of \$250.00 to Jackson and Reynolds and the supt. was given \$500.

Present: Mr. Durfee, Varny.

Newton, Thompson, E. B. Borden and Nichols. Voted to adjourn.

Annual Meeting The thirty-first annual meeting of the Boys Club of Fall River was held in the Club rooms on Anawan St. ~~Sept~~ 29th 1921 at 8 P.M. The vice-president called the meeting to order and in the absence of the president ^{the vice-president} presided.

The call for the meeting was read.

The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer read a detailed report which was discussed and accepted & ordered filed.

The election of officers followed.

Dr. Fred Anthony was elected a director & ~~to~~ fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Nichols.

Dr. Fred Anthony was chosen clerk and Mr. Edw. B. Varney Vice on one ballot.

The following were elected directors by ballot:

Messrs. Bertram H. Boden, Thomas B. Barrett, Charles W. Boden, John S. Brayton, Finner A. Chase, E. F. Charlton, Robert C. Davis, George Delano, Nathan Dwyer, Michel T. Hudner, James V. Jackson, James B. Kerr, Robert Marshall, James M. Morton Jr., J. Edw. Newton, Jas. E. Osburn, Richard J. Thompson, Edw. B. Varney.

Voted to Adjourn.

The directors held a meeting after the annual meeting Sept 29th 1921

^{Bentham St.} Mr. Borden was elected president and Mr. Surfee vice president and the clerk cast one ballot and they were declared elected.

~~Voted to adjourn~~
Present Mr. Surfee, Mr. H.E. Newton
Chas. H. Borden, Richard J. Thompson
Miss. Harriet H. Chayton D. F. and Ruth

Voted to adjourn.

Special Meeting.

A meeting of the directors was held on March 23, 1922 at 8 p.m. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Those present were Mr. Surfee, Percy Osburn, Bassett, Belmont, Dr. Thompson and Dr. Chace.

The treasurer submitted a report of the invested funds of the Boys' Club which was accepted and approved.

It was voted that the superintendent write a letter of thanks to Mr. Borden for the recent gift of 50,000 to the endowment fund. (The superintendent reports writing two letters, one to Mr. B. H. Borden and one to Gen. Howard S. Borden)

The superintendent reported the club as being ^{active} and growing in numbers.

It was moved and seconded that Gen. Howard S. Borden, of N.Y. be added to our board of directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Borden was notified of his election and accepts the position.

Voted to adjourn

Sept. 18, 1922.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River was called this day, at 8 p.m., in the club rooms on Arawan St.

The president called the meeting to order. In the absence of the secretary the superintendent was chosen temporary clerk.

There were present, Mr: Duffee, Judge Morton, Jr. James F. Jackson, Dr. Thompson and the superintendent.

After some discussion it was voted to adjourn the annual meeting to Oct. 9, 1922.

The superintendent was instructed to notify all the members of the corporation by mailing a notice of the next meeting to them. (This has been done.)

Voted to adjourn.

Thos. Chew, secy.

Oct. 9, 1922.

Adjourned Annual Meeting.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River, was held this day at 8 p.m. in the rooms of the club on Arawan St.

In the absence of the president and the vice-president the Hon. James F. Jackson was nominated and elected chairman of the meeting.

The superintendent was asked to serve as secretary pro tem.

The revised constitution was presented for action. It was unanimously voted to adopt it as read.

The superintendent read his annual report and it was voted to accept it and place it on file.

The Treasurer's report was read, discussed and ordered placed on file.

The treasurer, by vote of those present, was authorized to sign for the Boy Club of Fall River, in the sale of "the rights" of the ^{Fall River} Gas Works Co. and that the action of the Treasurer in selling said rights be approved. Voted to adjourn.

Thos. Chew, secy. pro tem.

Immediately after the annual meeting the directors met and elected by ballot E. B. Varney, Treas. and DeForest Anthony secretary.

Mr. Bertram H. Borden was chosen president and Nathan Durfee vice president. The following were elected directors:

DeForest Anthony,	Thos. B. Bassett	Bertram H. Borden,
Chas. W. Borden,	Howard S. Borden,	John S. Brayton,
Fenner A. Chase,	E. P. Charlton,	Robt. C. Davis,
George Delano,	Nathan Durfee,	Ab. T. Hudner,
James F. Jackson,	James B. Ken,	Robt. Marshall,
James M. Morton, Jr.	J. Edward Newton,	Jas. E. Osborn,
Richard J. Thompson,	Edw. B. Varney.	

Thos. Chew, secy. pro tem.

By Laws of the Boys' Club of Fall River

Article I

Name

Name.

The Name of the Corporation shall be the Boys' Club of Fall River.

Article 2. II

Membership

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Any person, on recommendation of the Board of Directors, may by signing the By-Laws become a corporate member of the Club, and unless such membership shall be forfeited under the rules established by the Board of Directors, shall continue to be a member by payment of annual fees as they become due.

Object.

Article III Object.

The object of this Corporation is to afford to the boys and younger men of the Community opportunities for moral, physical, intellectual and social development.

Article IV

Officers

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The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Board of not less than nine directors of which Board the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be ex-officio members.

The Directors, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot annually from and by the corporate members of the Club. The President and Vice-President shall be chosen annually from and by the Board of Directors. They shall hold office for one year and until their successors are chosen and qualified.

Article V. Duties of Officers

President

The President shall preside at meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors and perform all other duties that usually devolve upon such corporate official.

Secretary

The Secretary shall be duly qualified, and shall issue all notices of meetings of the corporation by depositing in Post office written notice thereof at least seven days before the day of the meeting addressed to each member at his usual place of business or residence as the same appear upon the corporate records. He shall keep a true record of each meeting and perform all other duties that usually devolve upon such corporate official.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all corporate fund and shall disburse the same as authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall keep a true record of all receipts and expenditures and make report thereof at each annual meeting of the corporation. He shall also make such reports to the Board of Directors as they shall request. Whenever the Directors require he shall give bond with such surety or sureties as they approve.

The Board of
Directors shall have full management over the affairs of the corporation and shall establish from time to time such rules and regulations for its government as may seem expedient.

They may appoint from their members an Executive Committee and define its powers and duties.

Article VI

Meetings

Meetings

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the second Friday of October for the presentation of reports by the Directors and the Treasurer and for

The election of officers.

Quorum.

Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

There shall be regular quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors and such special meetings as may be ordered by it or called at the request of three of its members. Reasonable notice of meetings shall be given to each member of the Board.

Seal.

Seal.

The corporate seal shall be that of which an impression is hereon made.

Article VII.

Amendments

Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the corporation called for that purpose in the notice of which the substance of the proposed amendment shall have been stated, by a vote of at least two-thirds of all the members present and voting.

July 18, 1913.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting was called to-day at two p.m. The vice-president, Mr. Dwyer, called the meeting to order. There were present Messrs. Dwyer, Tamm, Borden, (Chairman) Delano and Thompson.

The special business was to consider what should be done to provide more room for the boys in the junior department?

It was unanimously voted, in view of the needs of the Boys' Club to inform the District Nursing Association, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, that the Boys' Club had need of the room occupied by them and would they please find other quarters.

The superintendent was appointed to convey this notice to the proper officers of the Societies named. The supt. notified Mr. Wm. B. Hawes president of the D.N.A. and Israel Brayton, Esq. president of S.P.C.C.)

Voted to adjourn.

Rev. Chas. acting clerk.

Oct. 17, 1923.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of The Boys Club of Fall River was held this evening, at 8 p.m.

The vice-president, Mr. Nathan Durfee, called the meeting to order.

In the absence of the secretary it was voted that the superintendent should act as clerk pro tem.

The call for the meeting was read. The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the special ^{meeting} were read and approved.

The treasurer presented a type-written report, a copy of which was furnished each member. After a little discussion it was voted to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file.

The superintendent read his annual report and it was voted to accept it and place it on file. The treasurer's and superintendent's reports were ordered to be offered the daily press for publication.

The election of officers then took place. Dr. Forest Anthony was chosen secretary and Mr. E. B. Varney, treasurer. All of the directors were re-elected. Mr. John S. Brayton, ^{elected} to fill vacancy. The annual meeting was adjourned and the directors were asked to meet immediately.

Mr. Bertum H. Borden was chosen president and Mr. Nathan Durfee, vice-president.

Dr. Thompson called attention to the omission of any mention on our records of the death of John S. Brayton, Sr. This has been corrected and appropriate resolutions entered on the proper page. It was voted that Mr. Chew be elected superintendent for the ensuing year. It was voted that the following persons be appointed to the positions against their names; Bertum A. Reynolds; assistant superintendent;

James F. Sullivan, superintendent of the Junior department; Harry Broadbent, physical instructor, for the term in which they shall be satisfactory to the superintendent, but in no case to exceed one year.

Voted to adjourn.

Thos. Chew, clerk pro tem.

Present: Messrs Dwyer, Bassett, Chas. W. Borden, Newton, Varney, Judge Morton, Hon. Jas. F. Jackson and Dr. Thompson.

Annual Meeting

Oct. 30, 1924

The annual meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River, was held this day, October 30th, 1924, at 7-30 p.m., in the club room on Anawan Street.

Owing to the absence of the president and the vice president, Judge James M. Morton, Jr. was nominated and elected chairman of the meeting.

The chairman read the call for the meeting. The records of the last annual meeting were read by the Superintendent, who acted as clerk.

The treasurer read his annual report and it was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The superintendent read his annual report and it was accepted and together with the treasurer's report was ordered placed on file and offered to the daily papers for publication.

The next business was the election of officers: Mr. E. B. Varney was unanimously elected treasurer and John S. Brayton secretary. The entire board of directors were re-elected.

There being no further business the annual meeting was adjourned.

Directors Meeting.

Immediately after the annual meeting the directors met and the same officer presided.

Mr. B. H.

Borden was elected president of the board of directors and Mr. Nathan Durfee, vice-president.

The superintendent made a brief statement of what he would like to do at the Boys' Club Farm. It was voted that a sum of money, not to exceed (500.) five hundred dollars, be appropriated for the building of a poultry house.

The directors present were: Thomas Bassett, James M. Morton, Jr., Chas. N. Borden, Edw. B. Varney, J. E. Newton, J. E. Osborn, John S. Brayton and the superintendent.

Voted to adjourn.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River, was held in the Club room on Arawan St. at 7-30 p.m. October 9, 1925.

Mr. Nathan Duffee, the vice-president, presided.

The reports of the treasurer and superintendent were read and accepted and ordered placed on file.

The election of officers followed. Mr. John S. Brayton was chosen secretary; Mr. Edward B. Varney, treasurer.

The directors elected were:- De Forest Anthony, Thomas B. Bassett, Bertram H. Borden, Charles W. Borden, Howard S. Borden, John S. Brayton, Fenner A. Chase, E. P. Charlton, George Delano, Nathan Duffee, M. J. Hudner, James F. Jackson, Thomas E. Lahey, James M. Morton, Jr., J. E. Newton, James E. Osborn, Robt. W. Powers and Edw. B. Varney.

A motion to adjourn was made and carried.

Thos. Chew, secy. pro tem.

Directors Meeting

Immediately after the annual meeting the directors met and voted for Bertram H. Borden, for president and Nathan Duffee, vice president, and they were declared elected.

The board noted with regret the passing away of Dr. R. J. Thompson, a director and at one time president of the Club.

The treasurer's report received considerable discussion and was very satisfactory to those present.

The superintendent was instructed to carry out his

his plans as outlined in his annual report.

The treasurer called attention to the addition of two thousand dollars to the endowment fund in the name of Mrs. Annie Borden Jennings.

The treasurer said he would like to see the superintendent's salary increased to three thousand dollars and upon the motion of Mr. Charles H. Borden, it was so voted.

There being no further business, after a few remarks by the chairman, the meeting adjourned.

Thos. Shaw, secy
C. H. Borden

Oct. 8, 1926.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River was held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the Club rooms on Anawan Street.

Mr. Varney called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for chairman of the meeting. (The president and the vice president being unavoidably absent.) Judge Morton was nominated and elected to serve as chairman.

The superintendent was appointed secretary pro tem.

The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer read a very full report of the financial condition of the club which seemed to be very acceptable to those present. The report was ordered placed on file.

The superintendent read his annual report and it was accepted and ordered to be filed. Mr. Varney was re-elected treas. and John S. Brayton, secy.

There was some discussion of the club's finances and activities and the meeting adjourned.

The annual meeting being adjourned the directors met to choose a president, vice-president. Mr. Bertram H. Borden was chosen president and Mr. Nathan Durfee vice-president.

Voted to adjourn.

Thos. Chew, secretary

Oct. 14, 1927.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of The Boys' Club of Fall River was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Nathan Durfee, vice-president, presided.

Present were Nathan Durfee, Judge Morton, Chas. H. Borden, Edw. B. Varney, John S. Brayton and the Supt.

The report of the treasurer was first called for and read by Mr. Varney and a type written copy furnished each director. It was discussed and deemed satisfactory and ordered placed on file.

The superintendent's report was next called, read and accepted and ordered placed on file. Copies of both the treasurer's and superintendent's report were ordered sent to the daily newspapers. The re-election of the board of directors followed.

Election of treasurer was next called for and Mr. Varney was unanimously re-elected.

Mr. Brayton was re-elected secretary and the annual meeting was adjourned.

The directors met and chose from their number Mr. Bertram H. Borden, president, and Mr. Nathan Durfee, vice-pres.

Voted to adjourn.

John S. Brayton, secy.

Oct. 19, 1928.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River, was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Mr. Nathan Durfee, vice-president, was chairman of the meeting. After reading the formal call for the meeting, a clerk pro tem was chosen.

The report of the treasurer was called for and read by Mr. Varney. The report was talked over and a vote was taken to have it placed on file.

The superintendent then read his 38th annual report. The report was compiled from letters sent in by older boys, employees and others who had found the Club cooperative and helpful. "One of the best" said one of the directors. By unanimous vote Mr. E. B. Varney was chosen treasurer and John S. Brayton, secy. The superintendent asked to have the pool at the camp concreted on the bottom, and it was voted to do it.

After some little discussion it was voted to add the following persons to the board of directors: J. Whitney Bowen, Azariah J. Buffinton, W. Barry Durfee, A. A. Harrison and Roy F. Whitney.

Voted to adjourn,
Thomas Chew, clerk pro tem

Immediately after the ^{annual meeting} directors were called together to elect a president and a vice president. Mr. Bertram H. Borden was chosen president and Mr. Nathan Durfee vice-president. The meeting then adjourned.

Annual Meeting.

Oct. 11, 1929.

The annual meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River, was held in the rooms of the Club on Anawan St., at 8 p.m.

Mr. Nathan Durfee, vice president, presided.

The call for the meeting was read by the superintendent, in the unavoidable absence of the secretary.

The superintendent acted as clerk pro tem.

The first business was the reading by the treasurer of his report which showed the Club to be in good financial condition. He also said that \$2000. had been received from Thomas D. Covel's estate and that \$10,000. had been placed in trust with the B. M. C. Durfee Trust Company for the benefit of the Boys' Club, from the estate of Miss Harriet S. Brayton, for many years she was secretary of the Boys' Club.

Notice of this gift was sent by Mr. John S. Brayton. (The letter is on file.)

The superintendent's report was read and with that of the treasurer was ordered placed on file.

The next business was the election of treasurer and secretary. Mr. E. B. Varney was re-elected treasurer and Mr. John S. Brayton was re-elected secretary, both on one ballot. All of the directors serving in 1929 were re-elected. After a general discussion of the Club's condition, financial and in other respects it was voted to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

The directors met immediately and proceeded to the election of officers, president & vice president. Bertram H. Borden was chosen president

and Nathan Durfee, vice president.

A motion to
adjourn was made and carried.

Thomas Chew,
Secy. pro tem.

Oct. 10, 1930.

The Annual Meeting of The Boys' Club of Fall River was held on Friday evening, Oct. 10, 1931, in the rooms of The Club on Ardwan St.

The meeting was called to order at 8-10 p.m. by Mr. Nathan Dufee, the vice president.

The call for the meeting was read by the secretary, John S. Brayton.

The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer read his annual report. The expenditures for the year were \$23,514.68; The income, from all sources were \$22,441.72; The deficit was \$1,072.96.

A considerable time was spent in discussing the finances of the Club, before proceeding to the reading of the superintendent's report.

The report of the superintendent was read and accepted with appreciation. The treasurer's and superintendent's reports were ordered to be offered to the press for publication.

It was voted to elect a secretary and John S. Brayton was re-elected, by ballot.

Mr. E. B. Varney, was re-elected treasurer, by ballot.

The next call was for a list of directors: De Forest Anthony, Chas. W. Borden, John S. Brayton, E. P. Charlton, Nathan Dufee, W. T. Hudner, James M. Morton, Jr., Edw. B. Varney, Thos. B. Bassett, Howard S. Borden, A. T. Buffinton, C. C. Curtis, W. Barry Dufee, James F. Jackson, J. Edward Newton, Bertram H. Borden, J. Whitney Bowen, Fenner A. Chace, Geo. Delano, A. A. Harrison, Thos. E. Lahey and Jas. E. Osborn. These were all re-elected. H. S. ~~B~~ Buffinton, Ralph W. French, Nathan Yannis and Orient Laplante were

added to the board of directors and each one accepted the election.

At this point the annual meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Durfee called a meeting of the directors present and proceeded to choose a president and vice-president. For president Mr. Bertram H. Borden was chosen and for vice-president Mr. Nathan Durfee, both re-elections.

The directors present were:
Nathan Durfee, E. B. Varney, Chas. W. Borden, Geo. Delano, Thos. E. Lahey and John S. Brayton.

to adjourn.

approved.

It was voted
John S. Brayton, Secy.

Oct. 16, 1931.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting was held this evening at 8 p.m. in the club rooms on Anawan street. Mr. Nathan Dufee, presided.

The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and ordered placed on file.

The supt. report was read and the same disposition was made of it.

There was a good representation of the directors present and a general discussion of the finances and condition of the club, its activities and buildings were considered fairly good.

The treasurer Edw. B. Varney, and secretary John S. Brayton, were re-elected by ballot.

The following were reelected directors:- Bertram H. Borden, Nathan Dufee, John S. Brayton, Edw. B. Varney, De Forest Anthony, Thos. B. Bassett, Chas. H. Borden, Howard S. Borden, J. Whitney Bowen, A. T. Buffinton, Harold S. ^{James A. Chase} Buffinton, W. Barry Dufee, A. A. Harrison, M. T. Hudner, Ralph W. French, James F. Jackson, Thos. E. Lahey, Orient Laplante, James M. Morton, Jr., J. Edw. Newton, James E. Osborn, and Nathan Yarnis.

Geo. Delano

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Thomas Chew, sec. pro tem

Directors Meeting.

Immediately following the annual meeting a meeting of the directors was called.

The business was the election of a president and vice-president. Mr. Bertram H. Borden was chosen president and Mr. Nathan Dufee vice-president.

It was voted to contribute \$50. to the Boys' Club Federation of America.

After some discussion of the recommendations of the superintendent relating to Camp, it was voted to adjourn.

Thos. Chew, secy. pro tem.

Present, Mr. Dufree, Varney, Chas. W. Borden, A. A. Harrison, Ferner A. Chace, Geo. Delano, W. Barry Dufree and Thos. E. Lahey.

July 13, 1932.

A special meeting of the Boys' Club was held this day, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the B. M. C. Dufree Trust Co.

Nathan Dufree, presided. There were present: Nathan Dufree, Albert Harrison, Chas. Borden, James E. Newton, George Delano, Edw. B. Varney, John S. Brayton.

Records of the last meeting ^{were} read and approved.

Voted. Voted: That the Treasurer be authorized to reinstate the group life insurance of Chew, Reynolds and Sullivan and continue the payments of the annual premiums upon same until further notice.

Voted. That the **V**ice-president and Treasurer of the Boys' Club be authorized and directed on behalf of the Club to sign and enter into a certain Trust agreement herewith presented with the B. M. C. Dufree Trust Company of Fall River, for the management of certain of the Boys' Club invested funds and securities listed and attached to said agreement, the agreement to be executed in duplicate and one instrument retained by each party, and to transfer and deliver said funds and securities to the said B. M. C. Dufree Trust Company to be held and managed under said agreement.

Voted to adjourn
John S. Brayton
Clk.

October 14 1932.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held this day in the Club Rooms on Anawan Street. Mr. Nathan Surfee presided.

The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and ordered placed on file.

The Supt.'s report was read and the same disposition was made of it.

The Treasurer Edward B. Varney and Secretary John S. Brayton were re-elected by ballot.

The following were re-elected directors:-
 Bertram H. Borden, Charles H. Borden, Howard S. Borden, J. Whitney Bawen, John S. Brayton, A. T. Buffinton, Thomas B. Bassett, W. S. R. Buffington, Fenner A. Chace, George Delano, Nathan Surfee, M. Barry Surfee, Ralph W. French, A. G. Harrison, James D. Jackson, M. T. Kudner, Thomas E. Lakey, Orient La Plante, J. Edward Newton, James M. Morton Jr., Edward B. Varney, J. E. Osborn, Nathan Yarnie.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

John S. Brayton Sec.

Directors Meeting

Immediately following the annual meeting, a meeting of the directors was called.

The business was the election of a President and Vice-President. Bertram H. Borden was chosen President and Nathan Surfee Vice President.

Directors present were: Nathan Surfee, A. G. Harrison, Chas. M. Borden, Edward B. Varney, W. S. R. Buffington, John S. Brayton, Thomas Chaw. John S. Brayton Sec.

October 13, 1933. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting was held this day in the Club Rooms on Anawan Street.

Mr. Nathan Surfee presided.

Voted that the records of the last meeting be omitted.

The Treasurer's report was read and ordered placed on file.

The Superintendent's report was read and the same disposition made of it.

The Treasurer Edward B. Varney and Secretary John S. Brayton were re-elected by ballot.

The following were re-elected directors: -
 Bertram N. Borden, Charles N. Borden, Howard S. Borden, Whitney Bowen, John S. Brayton, A. T. Buffinton, Thomas B. Bassett, N. S. R. Buffinton, Denver A. Leace, George DeLano, Nathan Surfee, M. Barry Surfee, Ralph W. French, A. G. Harrison, James D. Jackson, M. T. Hudner, Thomas E. Lahey, Orientha Plante, J. Edward Newton, James M. Morton, Edward B. Varney, J. E. Osborn, Nathan Yannis.

u. B. Barnes

a. B. Borden

On motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: - Whereas as is set forth in the records of the corporation certain persons appear to have been elected from time to time directors and officers of the corporation, but doubt has been raised as to the validity of their election, that, nevertheless, the election of such persons as set forth in said records is hereby ratified and confirmed, and all their lawful acts in behalf of the corporation are also ratified and confirmed.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: - That fifty shares of the capital stock of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. belonging to the corporation be transferred to the B. M. C. Surfee Trust Company Trustee under agreement between the corporation

and said company dated August 19, 1932.
Voted to adopt the following by laws and
rescind all previous existing by laws: -

By Laws.

Article I.

Name

The name of the corporation shall be the
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The object of this corporation is to afford
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The Directors, the Secretary and the
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from and by the Board of Directors. They
shall hold office for one year and until
their successors are chosen and qualified.

Article V.

Duties of Officers.

The President shall preside at meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors and perform all other duties that usually devolve upon such corporate official. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or incapacity.

The Secretary shall be duly qualified, and shall issue all notices of meetings of the corporation by depositing in the Post Office written notice thereof at least seven days before the day of the meeting addressed to each member at his usual place of business or residence as the same appears upon the corporate records. He shall keep a true record of each meeting and perform all other duties that usually devolve upon such corporate official.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all corporate funds and shall disburse the same as authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall keep a true record of all receipts and expenditures and make report thereof at each annual meeting of the corporation. He shall also make such reports to the Board of Directors as they shall request. Whenever the Directors require he shall give bond with such surety or sureties as they approve.

The Board of Directors shall have power to sell, mortgage, or pledge any of the property of the corporation whether real or personal, and may in its discretion transfer property of the corporation to a trustee, agent or other person to hold and manage such property for its benefit.

The Board of Directors shall have full management over the affairs of the corporation and shall establish from time to time such rules and regulations for its government as may seem expedient.

They may appoint from their members an Executive Committee and define its powers and duties.

Article VI

Meetings

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the second Friday of October for the presentation of reports by the directors and the Treasurer and for the election of officers. Five members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting.

A special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and notice of the same shall be given to the members by mail by the clerk.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or at the request of five of its members. Reasonable notice of meetings shall be given to each member of the Board.

Article VII

Amendments

These By Laws may be amended at any meeting of the corporation called for that purpose in the notice of which the substance of the proposed amendment shall have been stated, by a vote of at least two-thirds of all members present and voting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: - To call a Special Meeting of the corporation to ratify and confirm

and adapt the actions taken at this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

John S. Brayton. Sec.

Directors Meeting.

Immediately following the annual meeting, a meeting of the Directors was called.

The business was the election of a President and Vice. President. Bertram H. Borden was chosen President and Nathan Surfee Vice. President.

Present:- Nathan Surfee, A. G. Harrison, Charles M. Borden, Edward B. Varney, N. S. R. Buffinton, Thomas Chew, John S. Brayton.

It was voted to adjourn. Adjourned.
John S. Brayton. Sec.

Oct. 31 1933.

A special meeting of the Boys Club was held this day at twelve o'clock noon at the B. M. C. Surfee Trust Company.

The Secretary, certified that a quorum was present.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted: To ratify and confirm the adoption of the new set of by laws as submitted at the annual meeting on Oct. 13 1933 and to ratify and confirm all votes passed at said annual meeting.

Voted to adjourn.

Adjourned.

A. T. Buffinton Sec Pro tem

Feb. 16 1934.

A special meeting of the directors of the Bays Club was held this day at twelve o'clock noon at the B. M. C. Surfee Trust Co.

The Secretary certified that a quorum was present.

On motion made and seconded it was Voted: That the Bays Club accept the property left it under the terms of the will of James W. Henry late of Fall River, deceased.

Voted. To adjourn.

Adjourned.

John S. Brayton. Clerk.

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October 15, 1934

The Annual Meeting of the Boys' Club of Fall River was held this evening, at 8 p.m. in the club room on Arrowsan Street.

There were present: Mr. Nathan Durfee, John S. Brayton, Edw. B. Varney, George Delano, C. W. Borden, Arthur B. Barnes, Fenner A. Chace and the superintendant.

The vice-president, Mr. Durfee, presided.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting, and the records of the last annual meeting, and of the special meeting held on October 1, 1933, and also that of a special meeting held on February 16, 1934. The records were approved as read.

The treasurer, Mr. E. B. Varney, read his annual report, which was discussed and accepted and ordered placed on file.

The superintendant read his report and together with that of the treasurer, was accepted and placed on file. The reports were ordered to be offered to the press for publication.

A voted of thanks was tendered the Herald News for the generous space given in its columns to the Club's activities.

The secretary, John S. Brayton, and the treasurer E. B. Varney, were re-elected to their respective offices, by ballot.

The following were re-elected directors: Bertram H. Borden, Howard S. Borden, Chas. W. Borden, J. Whitney Bowen, John S. Brayton, A. T. Buffinton, Thomas B. Bassett, Harold S. R. Buffinton, Fenner A. Chace, George Delano, Nathan Durfee, W. Barry Durfee, Ralph W. French, A. A. Harrison, Jas. F. Jackson, M. T. Hudner, Thos. E. Lahey, Orient La Plante, J. E. Newton, Jas. M. Morton, Jr., Edw. B. Varney, J. E. Osborn, Nathan Yarnum, Arthur B. Barnes and Arthur B. Borden.

Club matters were talked over in a general way for some time. There being no further business the annual meeting was adjourned.

The Board of Directors were immediately called to order and proceeded to nominate and elect, by ballot, Bertram H. Borden, to be president and Nathan Dufee, vice-president.

Voted to adjourn,

John S. Brayton, Secy.
By T. C.

Oct. 11, 1935

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held this evening, at 8 o'clock, in the club rooms on Pocasset street.

Mr. Nathan Dufee, vice president, presided.

The following directors were present: Nathan Dufee, E. B. Varney, Chas. W. Borden, Thos. E. Lahey, Kemner A. Chiace, A. B. Barnes, Thomas Chew, supt.

In the unavoidable absence of the secretary, Mr. Arthur B. Barnes was elected secretary for this meeting.

The call for the meeting was read. The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The superintendent's read his annual report. The above reports were accepted and ordered that they be offered to the press for publication.

Mr. John S. Brayton was elected secretary and Mr. E. B. Varney, Treasurer, by the corporation by ballot.

All of the directors of last year were re-elected.

Voted to adjourn.

The directors were called to order immediately after the annual meeting, and elected Mr. Benjamin H. Borden, president and Mr. Nathan Dufee, vice-president.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Arthur B. Barnes,
Secy. pro tem.

Oct. 9, 1936

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Boys' Club of Fall River was held in the evening of Oct. 9, 1936, at eight o'clock in the club room, on Arawan Street.

Mr. Nathan Dufee, v.p. presided.

The secretary, Mr. John S. Brayton, read the call for the meeting.

The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Edw. B. Varney, treasurer read his annual report, which was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The superintendent's report followed and it was accepted, ordered placed on file, and with the report of the treasurer, ^{copied} was offered to the press for publication.

The next order of business was the election of a secretary and a treasurer.

Mr. John S. Brayton was re-elected secretary and Mr. Edw. B. Varney was re-elected treasurer, both, unanimously.

The following were elected directors:

Bertram H. Borden,
Howard S. Borden, Charles W. Borden, John C. Borden,
✓ J. Whitney Bowen, John S. Brayton, A. T. Buffinton, Harold
S. B. Buffinton, Thos. B. Backett, Arthur B. Barnes,
✓ John C. Batchelder, A. A. Harrison, James F. Jackson,
✓ Ab. T. Hudner, Thomas E. Lahey, Orient La Plante,
✓ J. E. Newton, James W. Morton, Jr., Edw. B. Varney,
Nathan Yarnis, Jas. E. Osborn, Fenner A. Chase,
✓ Geo. Delano, Ralph W. French, Nathan Dufee. (25)

No further business remained. The annual meeting

BERTRAM H. BORDEN, President
NATHAN DUFEE, Vice-President

JOHN S. BRAYTON, Secretary
E. B. VARNEY, Treasurer

BOYS' CLUB OF FALL RIVER

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Office of
Thomas Chew, Superintendent

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- Contains. 1903. Full reports of Twelfth annual meeting. Death of Rev. E. A. Buck, president of the Club since 1890. Dr. R. J. Thompson, elected president. Legacy from M. D. Palmer, estate \$796.00
" " Grace Ann Southworth " 200.00
- " 1904 Annual Meeting was held Sept. 12, 1904. It was the Thirteenth meeting. Full reports of Secy. Treas. and Superintendent.
- " 1905 The Fourteenth annual meeting was held Sept. 18th. 1905. Full reports are entered.
- " 1906. The Fifteenth annual meeting held on Sept. 17, 1906. Full reports are recorded.
- " 1907. Sixteenth annual meeting held and minutes fully recorded. Director John D. Flint's death noticed.

Book 3, continued

Oct. 9, 1936. was adjourned.

The directors present were immediately called to order. The first business was to elect a president and vice president. The secretary was instructed, by vote, to cast one ballot for Mr. Bertram H. Borden for president and for Mr. Nathan Durfee, for vice president, and they were declared elected.

The superintendent recommended that a group of young men, members of the club, who were helping in many ways to promote the activities of the Club, be elected a Junior Board of Directors.

After considerable discussion, the aim of which seemed to be to avoid possible conflict and complications by having a Junior and a Senior Board of Directors, it was voted:

To appoint an advisory committee on activities with and under direction of the superintendent.

The president appointed this committee for the ensuing year.

Lewis R. Morley,
Thomas F. Grandfield, Wm. D. Norton, Louis A. Shea,
Myron F. Bullock, Russell R. McIlwaine, David P. Hart,
Manuel F. Corey, Jas. F. Mellow, Jos. A. Cohen, Terrence
J. Lomax, jr., Wm. D. Keefe Thomas J. Hudner, Orlando
Comforti, Wm. List.

There being no further business the meeting of the directors was adjourned.

John S. Brayton, secy.

FOR THE BOYS CLUB OF FALL RIVER.

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*Boys' Club
represented* X On the twenty-fifth day of April 1923, at an associated meeting of the several boards of directors of corporations in Fall River of which the late John Summerfield Brayton was a member, the following memorial was unanimously adopted:

John Summerfield Brayton

was born September 16, 1864. He was from a family long prominent in this city and he, himself, lived here to the date of his death, April 20, 1923.

He was educated in the Fall River public schools, in Phillips-Andover Academy, in Amherst College and in Harvard Law School. He practiced law in Fall River until he was called upon to take up many and important duties and burdens which his father, the late Hon. John S. Brayton, laid down. These responsibilities Mr. Brayton carried to the actual date of his death, himself becoming a powerful factor in the City's life and business activities.

He was modest and unassuming in manner, fair and upright in all relations with his fellow men. These personal qualities with his great capacity for helpfulness to others made and kept him many warm personal friendships.

His loss is keenly felt by his associates in the many corporations in which he held positions of trust.


It is voted that this expression of appreciation and respect be entered upon the records of the corporations here represented.

Edward S. Adams, *Chairman.*

Edwin P. Kershaw, *Clerk.*

Fall River, Mass.

April 25, 1923.



This has to be done by the committee in the
many instances in which the old position of
trust.
It is noted that the expression of opinion
and report be made upon the basis of the
corporate law.

Edward S. Adams, Chairman
Edw. S. Adams, C.A.

Full Time Man
April 1911

Edward S. Adams, Chairman

